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TUSKEGEE HONORED

A GREAT EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THIS FAMOUS INSTITUTION.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY AND PARTY

Pays it a Visit—The Scene at The School Grand Display of Department Work as Reviewed From the Stand—Extracts From the President's Speech and Others of the Party.

Tuskegee, Ala., Friday Dec., 16th., was a great day in the history of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. It was also a great day for William McKinley, President of the United States and for those who composed the distinguished party which accompanied him. From the glories of the Peace jubilee celebration in Atlanta, Ga., where he electrofied the southerners, there gathered to do him honor, the President, accompanied by a majority of his cabinet, Generals Shafter, Lawton, Wheeler, the Cabinet ladies and Governor Johnston of Alabama and his staff,, came to this conservative old town of the south, testify his confidence in the work which Booker T. Washington is doing, in his own masterful way, toward the solution of the great problem of the south, and to meet a constituency of citizenship with which he has never been permitted to come in contact.

The school buildings of which there are 42 were decorated with flags, bunting, mosses and other kinds of vegetation for which this section is famous.

The Presidental party reached Tuskegee early Friday morning, and were driven at once to the Institution, through the school grounds to a beautifully decorated reviewing stand, by which the 648 boys and the 324 girls of the Normal school from 24 states, Indian Territory, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica, Africa and England, and the 200 children of the training school, passed, the boys bearing stalks of sugar cane tipped with palms and the girls stalks of sugar cane surmounted with cotton balls.

Following these came a display of every department of the school's work represented on fifty floats—not the average representation of this kind, but living breathing representations of actual work done in the Literary, Bible and Industrial departments.

But as interesting as was this admirable parade a revolution as said the President it was no more so than ascene at the New Chapel of the institution where the exercises proper were held. Jubilee melodies were sung as only Tuskegee students and quartettes can sing them; the addresses made were spontaneous, sincere and earnest. The wise words of the President will long be remembered. The gist of his address was this: "Integrity and industry are the best possessions which any man can have, and every man can have them. Nobody can give them to him or take them from him. He cannot acquire by inheritance. He cannot beg, buy or borrow them. They belong to the individual and are his unquestioned property. He alone can part with them. They are a good thing to have and keep. They make happy homes they achieve success in every walk of life, they have won the greatest triumphs for mankind. No man who has them ever gets into the police courts or before a grand jury or in the work house or the chain gang. They give one moral and material power. They will bring you a comfortable living, make you respect yourself and command the respect your fellows. They are indespensable to success. They are invincible."

Secretary Long and Postmaster General Smith also won the hearts of all by their stirring oratory, their intense earnestness and fervor. Secretary Long being introduced said:—

When General Shafter had finished his too brief address, I heard you call for General Lawton. In these days the civilian gives place to the soldier, especially when that soldier is the bravest of the brave. (Here amid great applause, the Secretary gave place to Gen. Lawton who in a very few words expressed his satisfaction and pleasure at what he had witnessed.) Resuming Secretary Long said:

I cannot make a speech to you to-day. my heart is to full, full of hope, admiration and pride for my countrymen of both sections and both colors. I am filled with gratitude and admiration for your work, and from this time forward, I shall have absolute confidence in your progress and in the solution of the problem in which you are engaged.

There is no longer any problem. It is settled here now and forever, and as the Secretary of Agriculture said to me this morning, here has begun the work which is to solve the problem for us in the new possessions which have come under the flag during the recent war.

The day will pass and we shall return to our northern homes, but I, and I know that my associates too, will carry with us the memory of this scene impressed upon our hearts as long as we live. During the last few weeks, I have seen three spectacles that have impressed themselves upon my mind which relate to the colored people. On the steps of the White House, I saw in review before the President, the Tenth colored cavalry; with flashing eyes, with uplooking faces, with the swing of the soldier that stormed the heights of San Juan, he showed that there is no greater valor, no truer courage, no better patriotism than that of the colored soldier. Yesterday in the great imperial city of Atlanta where the colored people are taxed for four million dollars worth of property, I saw the colored children lining the streets on every hand, waving their flags as the President passed by. And in their faces was the promise and hope of citizenship and equality before the law. To-day I have seen this magnificent spectacle which you have presented to us. I shall go back to the north where we boast of our education, taught what education is.

One of your floats had the legand "Grammar" written at the top. It suggested to me how words sometimes stand for so many representative meanings. I thought of the word "servitude" and the word "service" both having the same origin and root, and yet in their popular meaning as far apart as the poles. Servitude, representing the condition of one cursed under the iron hand. Service representing freedom of labor, the right of citizens. Service as the President suggested should be the motto of this school, the motto of this race. Service is the motto of the citizens of the north; service is the work in which men of the north achieve their standing and their possessions.

The problem, I say has been solved. A picture has been presented to-day which should be put upon canvas with the pictures of Washington and Lincoln and transmitted to future time and generations; a picture which the press of the country should spread broadcast over the land, a most dramatic picture, and that picture is this: The President of the United States standing on this platform, on one side, the Governor of Alabama, on the other, completing the trinity, a representative of a race only a few yeare ago in bondage, the colored president of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

God bless the President under whose majesty such a scene as that is presented to the American people. God bless the state of Alabama which is showing that it can deal with this problem for itself, God bless the orator, philanthropist and disciple of the Great Master, who if he were on earth would be doing the same work, Booker T. Washington.

The address of Mr. Smith was one of the "hits" of the occasion. It appealed to all and was generously applauded. The Postmaster General spoke as follows:—

Mr. President:—I am sure I could conserve the arrangements if I did not detain you with any prolonged remarks, and yet I should be unjust to myself since I have been called upon if I did not say how profoundly I have been moved by what I have seen here to-day. I must confess that the blood has leaped faster in my veins, and that my heart has throbed with new hope, new faith and new courage for the people of my country and for my government.

We have witnessed many spectacles within the last few days. We have seen the magnificent grandeur and the magnificent achievements of one of the great metropolitan cities of the south. We have seen heroes of the war pass by in procession. We have seen floral parades. But I am sure my collegues will agree with me in saying that we have witnessed no spectacle more impressive and more encouraging, more inspiring for our future than that which we have witnessed here this morning.

I have thought as I sat here this morning of two men, two great men, two great educators. One of them was the founder of the Hampton Institute in Virginia, and the other is the real creator and founder and pre-eminent head of this great industrial insti tution of the south. General Armstrong did a work which cannot be measured by the breadth of his philanthrophy, the greatness of his unselfishness and the extent of his power in educating a people. We have for years mourned and lamented his death. His memory will be preserved among that

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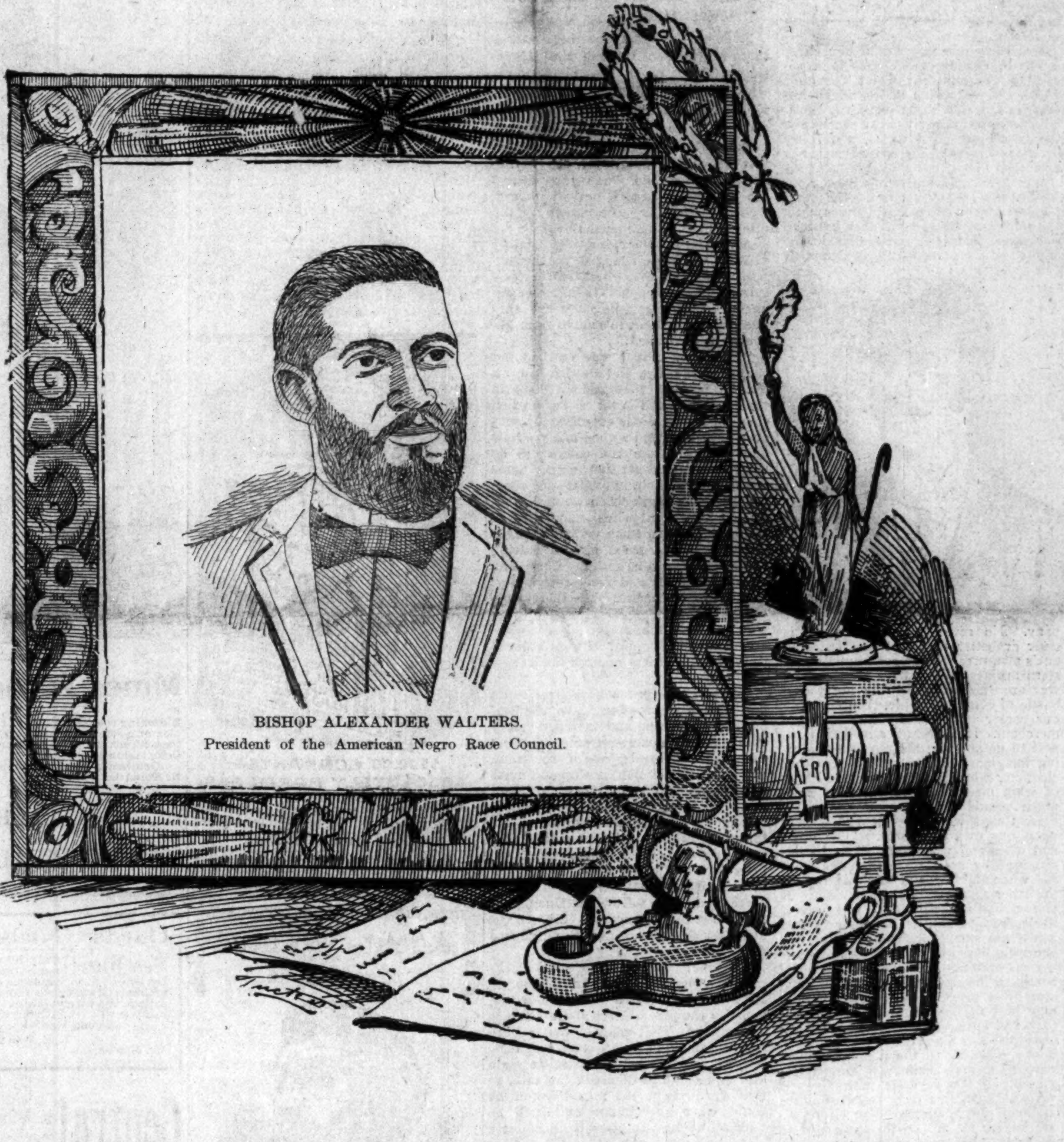

BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS.
President of the American Negro Race Council.

THE FIELD OF SPORT

WHAT THE NEGRO IS DOING ALONG THE LINE IN THIS PROFESSION.

AS SEEN BY NED LMO BEE.

The Glove Realm—The Arena of Fistic Bouts, Where Many Negroes are Knocking Their Way Through to the Epaulet of the Gladiator—The King of Excitement.

A match between Joe Walcott and Tommy West is spoken of.

Brophy, the little colored jockey who was riding on the Maryland outlaw tracks last winter, is back on the legitimate tracks and is at present riding at New Orleans.

Although Joe Walcott recently was bested by "Mysterious" Billy Smith, still Tom O'Rourke is of the opinion that Walcott can whip Smith, and is anxious to make a return match between the pair.

There is talk of arranging a fight between George Dixon and Terry McGovern. Sammy Harris, the latter's manager, states that Terry will box the colored champion at 115 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock.

The contest between Joe Butler, colored and Tommy Carey, which was to have taken place in the Gloucester, N. J., Opera House, on the night of Dec. 19, under the auspices of the River View Athletic Club, was declared off owing to interference by the sheriff of the county and mayor of the city of Gloucester.

Jim Watts, the colored middle-weight of Louisville, is matched to box Charley Goff, of California, for twenty rounds at the Sandusky Athletic Club. Watts has already affixed his signature to the articles, and as Billy Madden, Goff's manager received an offer from the club's matchmaker of 60 per cent. of the gross receipts for the men to fight for, and as this incentive was a satisfactory one Madden wired back his acceptance.

It is said that Major Taylor intends going after records again, his pacing machine as well as his own machine to be chainless and his pacing crews to be black men instead of white. This novel record camp is to come in the spring before the season opens up, and the mark Taylor will go after will be the mile in 1:30, which he is certain is possible under the right conditions. It seems that Taylor believes that black men properly trained are faster than white men.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 22—Jimmy Reeder, of this city, and Harry Smith, the colored boxer, of Philadelphia fought eight rounds at 125 pounds, to a draw, in the Mountain City Theatre, before an audience of over 2,000 persons, last night. The fighting was even until the eighth round, when Reeder landed heavily on Smith's wind and jaw. Both men finished strong. The men will fight to a finish before the American A. C., at Johnstown, on January 17.

Jack McCormick, white, was substituted to meet Charles Stevenson, colored in the wind-up at the Nonpareil Club of Philadelphia, on Dec. 17, and was disqualified for fouling in the beginning of the sixth round by Refree Keene. McCormick was one of the spectators and volunteered upon being called for, He was all activity in the opening rounds, encircling the the ring and leading with surprising quickness. In the clinches in the first and second rounds by his superior strength he rushed Stevenson to the ropes and almost pushed him over. In breaking McCormick invariably shoved Stevenson from him. In the third round McCormick huged Stevenson and turned him completely around. The strain began to tell on Jack in the fourth and he was panting. Stevenson had not done much damage and had not led

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MME. HOW AND LADY

WHY—A FORCIBLE AND LOGICAL DISCUSSION

Of the Race Question by a Great Race man—He Writes Elegantly, and Even a Wayfairer can Understand.

(Written for the Christmas Number)

There are two very sensible women living today who were born way back in the countless ages of the most remote past. They have been the constant advisers of men and women. They have never been troubled with the very common thing we call prejudice. Having had all the experiences of human being generally, they are in a position to offer sympathy, admonish and instruct. These noble women are conducting a mission of altruism. They are known as Madam How and Lady Why.

If we should know how Nature carries on her work, how plants grow, how the sun influences the conduct of vegetable and animal life: how man conceives ethical laws and rules for moral conduct, we must aply to Madam How and Lady Why.

Madam How and Lady Why have each shared the occupations of persons in all conditions of life; persons of all nationalties and of every degree of intelligence; in torid, temperate and frigid climes, in all civilized countries and in all the remote islands of the sea, in mines and factories, in the arts of war and in the halls of peace, in the poor country school house and in the great universities; in all ages, in all the altinations of sympathy, prosperity, adversity, hope, joy and in all that the human heart can feel—these noble teachers have worked with zeal and patience, and they have fitted themselves to guide the race to success.

Madam How and Lady Why have observed Nature in all her wonderful works, have watched the poor human race in its struggle upward and onward from the mud hut in the forest and at the foot of the mountain to the palace in the city; from the crude canoe made of bark to the palacial steamship; from the devouring of nuts and fruits to the eating of the delicacies of our modern French cooks; from the savage in his garb of skins to the scientist in his suit of satin and broadcloth; from the hieroglyphics carved in granite and clay to the beautiful production of the great printing press; from the bridge of logs to the bridge of steel; from the lawlessness of the dark ages to the system of arbitration of the present day; from the superstition of the infant world to the enlightenment and general intelligence of the present;—from slavery to freedom. Madam How and Lady Why have both advised and counseled mankind in all the countless years of the past and though many errors have been made, though many mistakes and these noble women have ever been willing to forgive the unfortunate subject.

Madam How explains that in the rapid and easy formation of habit the imminent danger lies in the first vicious indulgence. The first wrong act is probably performed with the intention that it would be the last one. But with the precedent once established there is a tendency to repeat the act, but with a conscious self-control and with a determination to limit the indulgence before we come to shame by it; but before this limit is reached the act becomes a habit and we are powerless in its hands. Lady Why has full knowledge of all these things and is anxious to have us avoid the very first indulgence of wrong doing.

Says Madam How and Lady Why, there are no two men made who have the same powers in every respect. All men are made differently. Each has his peculiar fitness, his qualities of mind and soul, his attributes, his adaptibilities, his capabilities.

They teach that a good deal of life is necessarily painful. That the pains which men suffer are the results of erors which are preventable. That human vissitude lead men into all sorts of conditions. That poverty, vice, ignorance and other forms of crime contribute to the ills and misfortunes of life. That after all the most of life is unspeakably pleasant; that man is ascending in the scale of being, and that the highest happiness is in the process of gaining.

This susceptibility of growing better and happier and his success in illiminyield such untold satisfaction to your ating moral and physical evils, which hearts and minds, are wonderfully provided for, and made posible by the laws of Nature.

The discipline of Madam How and Lady Why is very strict. This discipline continues throughout a life time. It is the teacher in the great school called the world. It is too severe for most of the people of this world and hence but few live to old age, and yet as strange as it seems, there is a mysterious fascination in Nature's decrees which make life desirable with all its fluctuations of adversity and prosperity, with all its folly and wickedness.

To man alone is given the power to graded, commune with abstract truth and to love everybody. We keep discovering and inventing, making new applications of science and art because of the great power in us. This power is adequate to explain whatever exists, but it cannot explain itself.

It is deemed wise for a man to avoid catching cold for the reason that the cold renders life uncertain. Under certain conditions we know that we will catch cold and to avoid it we refrain from the condition.

The first object of life is growth. Growth means happiness. The conditions favorable to growth are harmonious environment and the removal of all deterrent influences. Mind is the fallow soil in which cultivation must take place. A healthy, rational mind is capable of the loftiest attainment, the highest conception of ideals.

Culture is necessary to the best growth. This culture must be mind culture, for from the mind springs all thought, and all progress depends on thought. Every great accomplishment is the result of forethought.

Every man, whether conscious of it or not, is a student in the great school of life. Everything that he is conscious of, from the buzz of a tiny bee to the terrific thunder clap, is his teacher. And he is the teacher of everything and everybody who sees or is otherwise conscious of him of his example. It is, therefore, the duty of every person to cultivate his altruistic impulses and aid in every way possible the development of the best side of mankind.

If we know that anything is possible it is not vitally essential that we should know just why it is possible; but it is important that we should know how it may be done, if we desire to do it. If we would be succesfull we would take the wise course of finding out how we may be successful.

Every young man can make a success of his life. If a thing is possible with one young man it is possible with all young men who are alike equipped and have the same opportunities. Madam How will isntruct the young man in all the possibilities of life, if he will give her his undivided attention.

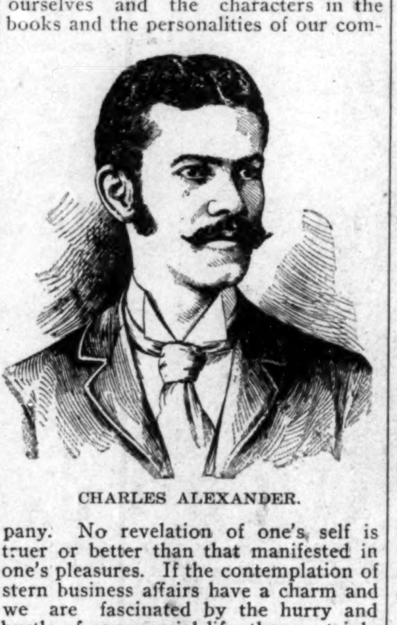
These are the essentials of success:

First, each young man must have a knowledge of himself. He should first study and become thoroughly acquainted with himself before he attempts to start out on his life journey. He should get a correct understanding of his own nature, his own character, his own capabilities. It is because men are deficient in this knowledge that so many fail. Al men are made differently. What one understands another may not understand. The success of one may be the means of another's failure. Therefore it is important that each man should look into his own nature, comprehend his own faults and failures, and come to a full understanding of what he can do and what he cannot do. The great fault with hundreds of young men who are foundering about in a sea of uncertainty and fluttering from one phase of life to another, is that they do not know their capabilities, they do not understand themselves.

How may one understand himself?

The best study of one's self is in observing which ideas, which thoughts, which actions, which tastes, which impressions, which tasks please us most, The tasks which gives most pleasure is the task best suited to us, and if we become efficient in the art we can make a succes cf it.

We see ourselves best in what we enjoy most. In reading or in the company of people of rank and wisdom we see ourselves by the contrast between ourselves and the characters in the books and the personalities of our company. No revelation of one's self is truer or better than that manifested in one's pleasures. If the contemplation of stern business affairs have a charm and we are fascinated by the hurry and bustle of commercial life, then certainly our career is to be the career of the merchant. If the beauties of fiction appeal to us and we find ourselves painting imaginary pictures and creating character which portray our true ideals of what men ought to be, then literature should be our work. But all these things we are to depend largely upon our own judgment. The hows and whys and whens are all to be determined by us; we are to judge what and when and how and why this, that or the other shall or shall not be done. A young man's capabilities will reveal themselves to him as he observes and works out small problems. He will learn his limitations as he seeks to satisfy his ambition. Every man must accomplish just so much in his life time, and by a proper study of himself he may best fit himself to make his task easy and agreeable. It has been demonstrated that the surest road to success is the following of the nobler instincts of one's heart. Failure is almost impossible if this is done faithfully. If we will recognize our responsibilities and will put forth our best efforts to meet them we are on the sure road to success. The most successful men are those who have shaped their own careers and have been thearchitect of their own fate.



CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Youthful enthusiasm may threaten failure at times, but if we will use forethought, if we will learn the best use of our tools, if we will thoroughly understand ourselves, if we will be guided by experience we will happily round out our days with success written above our door. All of this depends on honest methods, strict integrity and faithful service.

It is important that we learn what truly constitutes success. So many measure success by a false standard. They think that a man's name must be known from sea to sea, that he must accumulate millions of dollars and mansions and live in luxury in order to regman mayetaoin wlcdto. dfu 8py cmfwm ister success. This is not true. A man may have all of these and still be a failure.

Success does not mean living in luxury, building mansions, accumulating vast wealth. Every one has his limitations beyond which he cannot go, and success means the favorable termination of anything attempted within the limitations of one's sphere.

A successful man is the man who does the very best he can do under the circumstances. Upon these basis only can success be truly judged. Success is simply doing anything to the utmost of one's ability. With an honorable object, a firm determination and with an intense concentration we are bound to succeed.

A sensible saying by the most obscure person, if there is wisdom and merit in it, will be quoted by generations to come. A quotation is a success if it helps men and women to accomplish noble deeds. If it inspires them with lofty ideas it is a success.

The black philosopher who said:

"De price of your hat ain't de medjer ob your brain,' 'was just as wise in his saying as the white philosopher who said:

"A good example is the best sermon."

The one states a fact in a negative form and the other states the same fact in a positive form. The fact remains the same. The following wise sayings of the Negro are just as true and will stand the test of time just as well as the beautiful sayings of the greatest poets:

"'Tis hard to make clo'es fit a miserbul man."

"Buyin' on credit is robbin' next 'ear's crop."

"Dirt show de quickes' on de cleanes' cotton."

"A mule kin tote so much goodness in his face dat he don't hab none lef' fur his hind legs."

"Some grabble walks may lead to de jail."

"De pint ob de pin is de easiest en' to find."

"De billy goat gits in his hardes' licks when he looks like he gwine to back out o' de fight."

Success is not measured by the elegence of one's language, not the tone of one's voice; but by the absolute wisdom of one's sayings. A good thought, though it may not be clothed in beautiful language, will inspire just the same.

CHAS. ALEXANDER.

Normal, Ala.

TWO AGAINST A MOB.

AN OLD TIME MISSISSIPPI RIVER SHOOTING SCRAPE.

A Trivial Incident That Led to the Wrecking of the Old Postoffice, and a Pitched Battle In Which Seven Men Were Slain.

"One of the worst shooting scrapes that ever happened along the Mississippi river," began the man at the wheel, relaxing his hold on the tiller, which had been hard down, and permitting it to spin around with the velocity of a top, "took place out there, just above the mouth of the bayou, about 30 years ago, when they burned the old postoffice and the warehouse. You can see where they stood by the piles of bricks there on the bank."

All admitted the ruins were plainly visible, when he changed to the opposite side of the wheel, and after a spirited effort made to counteract the effects of an impinging current that had caused the boat to swerve from her course he continued:

"The boat that I was on had got caught in the fog, and we tied up under the point there about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a lot of us went on shore to take a little exercise. It was on a Saturday, and a good many people had come in from the country to do their trading and get their mail. Some of them were pitching quoits and others shooting at a mark when we first landed, but they quit when they saw the man carry the mail bag we had brought and went in and stood around waiting for the letters to be sorted. They had all been drinking and were pretty noisy. When the postmaster said there were only two letters and that they were both for Bud Johnson, a colored man, a murmur of disapproval went around, and several of them insisted on a new deal.

"'You can look for yourselves,' said the postmaster, tossing them the bag, but after searching and finding it empty they were in a worse frame of mind than ever. Presently one of the number, a local politician, got up and made a speech derogatory to the administration. He insisted that the government was prejudiced against white folks, and that he had no use for the office anyhow. Several of the others present expressed their approval of this sentiment, and a general smashing up of everything at once followed. During the row the coal oil lamp was broken, the house set on fire and everything burned up.

"Colonel Bunch, who owned the property, noticing the fire, came up from his plantation below and denounced the perpetrators of the outrage as vandals. The colonel was a high spirited man and didn't stand any foolishness, but was getting along in years now and couldn't do much but talk, so that when one of the men declared he could whip any Bunch on earth he looked like he felt himself in a pretty close place, but the colonel stood his ground until at last, when the contending parties were about to come to blows, his son appeared upon the scene, and, learning the cause of the trouble, sprang between the two, and, drawing his revolver, said, 'My name is Bunch, and when my father gets to be too old to defend himself I can stand in his tracks and take his part.'

"At this juncture the shooting commenced, and I made for the boat. Everybody seemed to take sides against the Bunches, and you would have thought them a band of guerrillas from the way they kept the fight up. Presently I noticed the colonel roll down the bank and stop just at the edge of the water, and then his son came staggering down, too, and fell near his side. They were both dead! We wanted to leave, but the men were afraid to go on shore to untie the lines, for the infuriated crowd was still calling for more Bunches and the colored man who had got the letters, but he had climbed a tree, and they didn't know where he was. An hour or so later, when the crowd had dispersed, he slid down from his hiding place, came aboard the boat and we had him in the hold until we got away and he was over his fright. He said there were five men lying on the bank that the Bunches had killed before they fell."

The boat at this juncture showing a disposition to become fractious, the pilot gave his undivided attention for a moment to the wheel, when he went on:

"But there is not much shooting along the river now, and you hardly ever hear of a feud. When there were only about three families in a county, two of them were usually engaged in an effort to exterminate the other on account of some imaginary wrong or maybe prompted by jealousy. Since the country has been settled up they are all right. I used to think myself," he went on to say after a brief tussle with the tiller, "that what a man wanted was room, but I have found out my mistake. What he stands most in need of is plenty of good neighbors, and I find that the thicker you put people the better they get along. It makes them more human, and besides they come to know something, which is not the case when they live alone. I have learned a good deal myself by traveling around and seeing what is in the world, for I usually go east every summer to swap malarias."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Caused the First Coolness.

Mr. Newlywed (reading)—Nobody ever yet saw a dead mule.

Mrs. Newlywed (who is thinking of something else and not listening)—Don't you think your life insurance premiums are a waste of money, John?—Boston Journal.

Just Like Other People.

"You look nice enough to eat," exclaimed the youth.

"And so I do," replied the maiden; "three times a day."—Ohio State Journal.

Shelbyville, Ind., News Notes.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Rev. R. L. King has been assisting in a revival the past week in Louisville, Ky. The Ladies' Intellectual Club gave a reception to their friends at the residence of Mrs. Anna Vanmeter. Miss Stella L. Horner, teacher in our colored school, spent Christmas week with her mother in Cincinnati. Rev. L. W. Gray has resigned the pastorate of the Second Baptist church and will enter the missionary field in this state. R. A. Roberts, teacher of the colored schoo will attend the state teachers' association at Indianapolis this week. School closed for the holidays on the 22nd and will re-open on Jan. 2. The Marine band gave a concert on the evening of the 24th. Miss Mary Cass is getting up a grand concert for the 30th at the Second Baptist church. The usual Christmas tree was given at the Second Baptist church on the evening of the 26th, and at the Second M. E. church on the evening of the 27th. Samuel Robinson returned from New York last Saturday to find that a bouncing girl had come to board at his house. Sam is happy.

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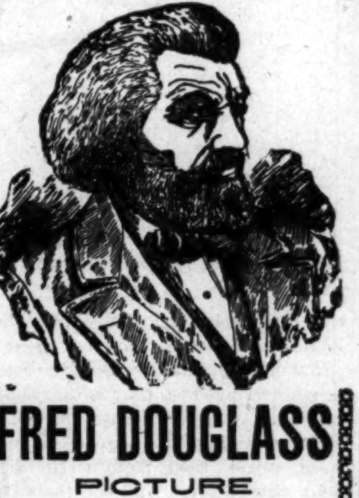

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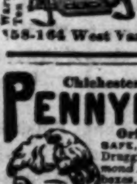

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It was our Century run. Keep the Holiday number and compare it with the one of '99. Space is being engaged already for the '99 Holiday editon. We are in it to win, we do win, don't we? Now that '99 is here, here are three cheers for the members of The Freeman Round Table and a tiger, Toast No., 1, to Edward Elmore Brock; Augustus M. Hodges; R. W. Thompson; Dr. Jno. M. Henderson, Dr. R. C. Ransom; and Uuncle Noah Baxter. "Who treats the world as his Empire Lights the pathway of desire."

Toast No. 2.

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and the murmuring threats of strife.
That the man who will may be happy still in
a quiet and placid life.
It is pleasant to stray far, far away from the
motives that broil and mix,
For, after all ther's a lot in life besides
fighting and politics.
Afar from marbles and stately walls dwells
the simple average man,
Yet, he and his kind, make the keystone in
the arch of the nation's plan.

Toast No, 3.

Fellow pen pushers, it has been said that the pen is mightier than the sword, if the above be a fact, let us drive the quill in the lynchers gill, and make them think of Bunker Hill.

In The Social Whirl.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.

Miss Lucy M. Keys a prominent young lady of Nashville, Tenn., spent three weeks in the city with her friends. She was the guest of Miss Josie Johnson of 4th avenue. Her stay was very pleasant and on Dec., 5, a grand entertainment was given in her honor at which every one seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Miss Keys made many friends while here. Dr. W. G. Mason left for Atlanta, Ga., to-day and will remain until after the Peace Jubilee. The dentist on 20th street seems very lonely since some of his friends left the city, but we hope that he will find as dear friends that still reside in the city. A public library has been opened in one of the public school buildings which after only two months they have secured over 2,000 volumes, and the colored teachers are working earnestly for its progress and think that they will be successful. It is in the hands of the teachers and Miss Kennedy a young lady from Louisville is librarian. A large number of people visited Tuskegee Industrial School on the 16th in order to hear President McKinley's address on that date at the institution.

Memorial Services.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.

Rev. Senior, from Renville, O., who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Payne of 14th street, preached at the First church Sunday. Private W. H. Ross of the 24th Infantry passed through the city recently enroute to Bluefield. Rev. N. Barnett, pastor at Burlington, was with us last week. Mrs. Bettie Davis has been sick for the past week, but is somewhat better at present. Mr. Lee, while washing windows on a parlor car, fell and sustained painful injuries. Gabriel Poindexter is in the city. Rev. W. S. Taylor of the True Reformers Lodge, passed through the city Friday. On last Friday afternoon memorial services were conducted at the Douglass school building, by the society and teachers, in honor of Mrs. S. M. James, who at the time of her death was the oldest teacher in the school. Many of the parents and friends were out to pay tribute to the memory of this illustrious woman, who did so much toward the elevation of her race in this city. The good that she has done in this community will live long. The program was well prepared and rendered. Mr. A. A. Bobson, our successful colored merchant, is a hustling business man. He has added greatly to his store room by a new line of Xmas novelties and winter goods. Now if Mr. Bobson has anything that pleases you buy from him, Let us stick together and patronize our own color Every Negro should have a copy of this grand and magnificient Xmas issue of The Freeman, which is the greatest thing yet attempted in Negro journalism. We all know The Freemen. When it attempts anything it makes a success of it. Mrs. Fannie Gibbs is not much better, Emmet Agnew, employe of the Ensign Car shops, met with an unfortunate accident last week in mashing his hand. Subscribe for The Freeman from the agent. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Items of Interest.

Sprinfield, O., Special.

Rev. Wilson the presiding elder preached at North street church Sunday morning and at Allen Chapel Sunday evening. The choir contest held at Columbus, O, in which the North street choir of this city participated, was a grand success. The Springfield choir was awarded the laurels. The Springfield choir has an invitation to visit Pittsburg, and will no doubt accept, they also expect to go to Cincinnati where they expect to sing at two churches in the Queen City which will neccessitate them being away two nights. Mrs. Maize, of Bellefountain, O., passed through the city last week enroute to Columbus, O., while in the city she was the guest of Rev. Maxwell and family of Elsworth street. There was an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. Vinney of Spring street for the benefit of the North street A. M. E. church. Phil Payne and Bro. Charles are at home on an extended visit. The Holiday Fair to be held at the City Hall promises to be a grand affair. Mr, Willis one of our soldier boys spent the holidays at home with friends quite a number of the boys will be in later to remain with friends a short while.

Eufaula Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Services at the First Baptist church last Sunday were well attended, Rev. R. T. Pollard, the pastor, preached a fine sermon at 11 a. m. The singing by the choir was excellent and enjoyed by all present. The sad news have reached us of the death of Mr. William Battle which occurred in Memphis, Tenn Mr. Battle has lived in Eufaula the greater portion of his life and has a wide circle of friends who will mourn his loss. Rev. W. C. Banton preached an excellent sermon last Sunday. The First Baptist and A. M. E. Sunday-schools are preparing for a Christmas entertainment. If you want to learn of the race read The Freeman—every week for sale at A. H. Gary's barbershop.

St. Louis Gleanings.

St. Louis, Mo., Special

Rev. Mooreland of the Zion Methodist Twenty-sixth and Morgan streets, has gone to Little Rock, Ark., for a brief visit. Mr. James Carey of 2707 Mill-st., is dangerously ill. Mr. Jesse Ford arrived from Denver, Col., after having closed his professional tour with $207 in his pocket. Here is one chance for B. O. of C. P. The funeral of Rev. I. H. Cunningham was held at First Baptist church Tuesday last. Rev. J. L. Cohron officiated, assisted by Revs. Alexander and Jones. The body was guarded by the G A. R.; interment in Jefferson Barracks. Mrs. George W. Fulford has removed her restaurant from No. 2670 Lucas avenue to No. 2217 Morgan street. Mr. John O. W. Selectman is organizing another guitar and mandolin club. Mr. Frank McElroy former coachman for the Niedringhaus family is now a Pullman palace car artist. Mr. A. W. Lloyd, our successful young politician is just as busy as he can be handling the pictures of eminent colored men and various Negro periodicals. Mr. Earnest A. Arnett has opened a first-class saloon at No. 2300 Morgan street. The wife of the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Addison applied for a divorce Wednesday. Mr. Benjamin Owens, formerly manager for the "Swellest Shop in Town" is now the city barber at the St. Louis city jail. Lawyer L. J. Brown of Little Rock, Ark., made a creditable showing by passing a very searching examination here to practice before the St. Louis courts his percentage was about 98 as he only missed answering two questions. Mr. Charles Pitman. clerk in U. S. commissioner, R. C. Grenner's office, is on the sick list. Rev. R. C. Cole, preached his farewell sermon two Sabbaths ago. Rev. E. C. Cole of Hannibal, Mo., will take charge of the church just vacated (First Baptist) on the first Sunday of the New Year. We are sorry to announce the death of Miss Hattie Story, the leading mandolinist of the La Juvenile Mandolin and Guitar Club of 2138 Walnut-st., at the home of her uncle, Mr. Moses Green. Mr. Grant Dawkins left for his home in Helena, Ark., Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents whom he has not visited in six years. Dr. McArthur has removed his office and clinic to 2601 Washington street.

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SHALL HE BE STABBED?

In Germany, the home of enlightenment and the utmost freedom, consonant with that form of Government, where the rights of its citizens in part or entirely have never been questioned, they hold it an offense bordering on the treasonable known as lese majesty to give currency to views that set the King in a false light. Some such a view very likely will be taken of utterances of those who became intoxicated on the race question and give vent to views that impugn the head of the government and at the same time fall short of the desired end in securing the relief sought. If the government feels that in its method of reconcilliation that it is pursuing the proper course and the attempt stands applauded by the people which of course means the vast majority, it will take a tremendious amount of argument to prove to the contrary. Farthermore these preconceived or new notions will not be influenced by virulent invectives and most especially not, under the very peculiar circumstances. Of course it is known that Mr. Fortune meant to use a figure of speech, but it must be confessed that the figure jars upon the nerves carrying too much weight. The association, supported by the subject matter is far too intimate and the expression, "stab him!" stands too close to "crucify him!" Men who forge to the front should be able to invent means, other than those so fraught with peril, for escape. Tact and diplomacy should be in their quintessence as the qualifications of those who venture to lead a people. The decoration of the confederate graves with those of Union men is not the race's fight. If the North whose ancesters fell in that struggle, which expended its millions and other sacrifices can stand the new departure it does not overmuch concern the race. The noble blacks that fell are not forgotten, but the race if it knows itself will not object on that score and thus set itself up as an offended party owing to the sacredness of its dead. Surely the race will not push such foolish logic in the face of passing events. If on the other hand the opposition arises from the treatment of the Negroes then it cannot be seen just what relation the events bear to one another. There is a complete divorcement. The utterance of the President does not apparently grow out of the other condition. Then treating it as a grand move towards national unity the race shows remarkable stupidity in not acquiesing, thereby gaining to itself the reputation of racial sanity. There is no reason why the graves should not be honored if it means the re-unification of the country. As has well been said, rebellion and treason are altogether subjective. The thousands that fought and died on the other side fought and died for what to them was a principle. If the vanquished are submissive and desirous of peace, it certainly becomes the victorious to be magnanimous. It can be safely set down that in this particular contention the race has nothing to gain but much to loose.

Rev. C. C. Smith, D. D., of the A. M. E. church delivered a lecture in Galveston, Texas on the 10th inst. He announces himself as opposed to the Washingtonian idea of solving the problem, which idea insists that the industrial phase is the panacea. He thinks that the industrial idea can be no more than an incident, which belief is shared by this paper. For if it were otherwise then the industrial idea would be the race's peculiar employment; and to hold the idea even theoretical tends very much to classify labor which in the end means rigid confinement. Rev. Smith does not think that the talk of re-enslavement amounts to a great deal, and in fact, the word should not be uttered in connection with the subject. He does not oppose the repatrization of Africa, feeling that those that care to should "back out" for that country. In fact his exposition of the subject is in complete harmony with the views of the major portion of the thinking part of the people.

Peter H. Clark, O. M. Wood and others of St, Louis, Mo., are circulating an immense document, an address to the President calling attention to the position of the Negroes of America. The gentlemen are acting within their constitutional rights in petitioning the "King." In the main the address of six pages is respectful and quite to the purpose. Yet there are some expressions that amount to an arraignment of the government. In this the circular proceeds on the theory that the government has only to act in the matter and the desired results will follow. The circular as an exposition of the existing conditions is a decided success but as a circular calculated to bring about the reforms desired, it may as likely be considered repellent as otherwise.

W. T. Menard and others of Washington D. C. have organized a "Colored Mews Bureau" whose mission will be to furnish information from the Capital city to the numerous colored papers throughout the country. The attempt is quite a departure but in strict keeping with what should be. It ought to succeed from the jump, especially when headed by that brilliant coterie of writers that Washington posesses.

AN ANTI-LYNCHING LAW.

Owing to the late lynching craze now sweeping over Indiana an anti lynching law is proposed. It seems that the present statutes of the state should be able to cope with all difficulties of that nature, but the increasing popularity of mobocracy render them nil, and go a great way in saying that heroic remedies must be introduced if the state is to be preserved out of the ranks of lawlessness. The fact that the late victims have been white men makes it a matter of no less concern than were the victims black. The public consciences should not be educated to the easy point of mob toleration. It would be the matter and perhaps take some definate action. The Ohio anti-lynching law, fathered by H. C. Smith, a colored man and a former member of the Ohio legislature, has survived the assault of the Ohio courts and is now an Ohio law. But as a law it inflicts a penalty on the county by the way of a money compensation to the family of the victim. It will not be seen at once that such a law with that kind of penalty will act as a deterrent. The family is indemnified, but mobs are not concerned about a penalty that does not reach the personnel of the mob. Only a question of time when Negroes would begin to swing from these hastily provised gibbets and then untold trouble would set in. It will be quite a task to frame a bill that will be able to withstand the assault of courts owing to the fact that mobbing is murdering and the laws are bountiful and effective on that score. It seems that the crime must be treated as a new evil and therefore a peculiar disposition must be made of such cases. At any rate the in coming legislature will doubtless look into it. It, however, shows a commendable quality in the state to take such a stand for law and order, and perhaps by setting the seal of state condemnation on the evil public sentiment is aroused to the point where the mob does not act with impunity. Indiana may do as well as Ohio thereby registering a protest against the evil and in favor of punishment administered by the authorized.

It may be safely maintained that politics is the bane of the race. Designing white men and susceptible Negroes alike are to be blamed. With this feature somewhat eliminated much of the friction now apparent would have never arisen.

The Iowa Bystander, Colorado Statesman Boston Courant and The X Ray are among our exchanges that need special mention owing to their Christmas number efforts. They are replete with the likenesses of prominent individuals of the community and of the country, and readily show the trend toward the expansion of Negro journalism.

It is the consensus of opinion that editor Fortune was indiscreet

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Bishop Turner will not be appalled by the charges against him. He is a warrior and quite prepared for battle,

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The Negro press is at last coming in for its just deserts. Would be decriers and defamers have taken to the woods.

It is not surprising to learn that a person who served in Roosevelt's Rough Riders was hissed and hooted off the stage in a Washington theatre because in a lecture on the war, he eulogized the bravery of the colored regulars. The audience that did this hissing and hooting was doubtless composed of the surviving Bourbon element in Washington, the "old resident," element, composed in equal parts of aristocrats and bummers, forming a local aristocracy which has its roots in the corpse of slavery and derives its inspiration from hatred of the Negro. It will require several generations to breed that element out of the national capital.—The Indianapolis journal.

It is surprising that the Journal is yet in the class of the great papers of the North that is not afraid to call things by their right names. It was felt that at one time that we were on the verge of loosing the friendship of that staid old publication but the above editorial ought to set at rest any uneasiness on that score. Washington is the supposed home of the refined American Negro, yet strange to say there is more prejudice to the square inch in the Capital than in any of the Northern cities. The reason for this can only be based upon the very fact of this growing refinement and accomplishment that pushes the prototype uncomfortably close. A few more broadsides from papers that "count" will aid the race problem in its solution. The Negro papers in return should spur up the race to the extreme sense of respectability and usefulness, and with the grinding force of the neither millstones race prejudices will be ground to proportions infinitesimal and unrecognizable.

The Freeman $1.00 per year from Jan. 1, to 31. Renewals also in order.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Freeman, an illustrated colored newspaper, published in this city by George L. Knox, has issued a Christmas number of twenty pages. It is profusely illustrated with portraits, and the calendared quality of the paper gives an excellent typographical appearance.—Indianapolis Daily News.

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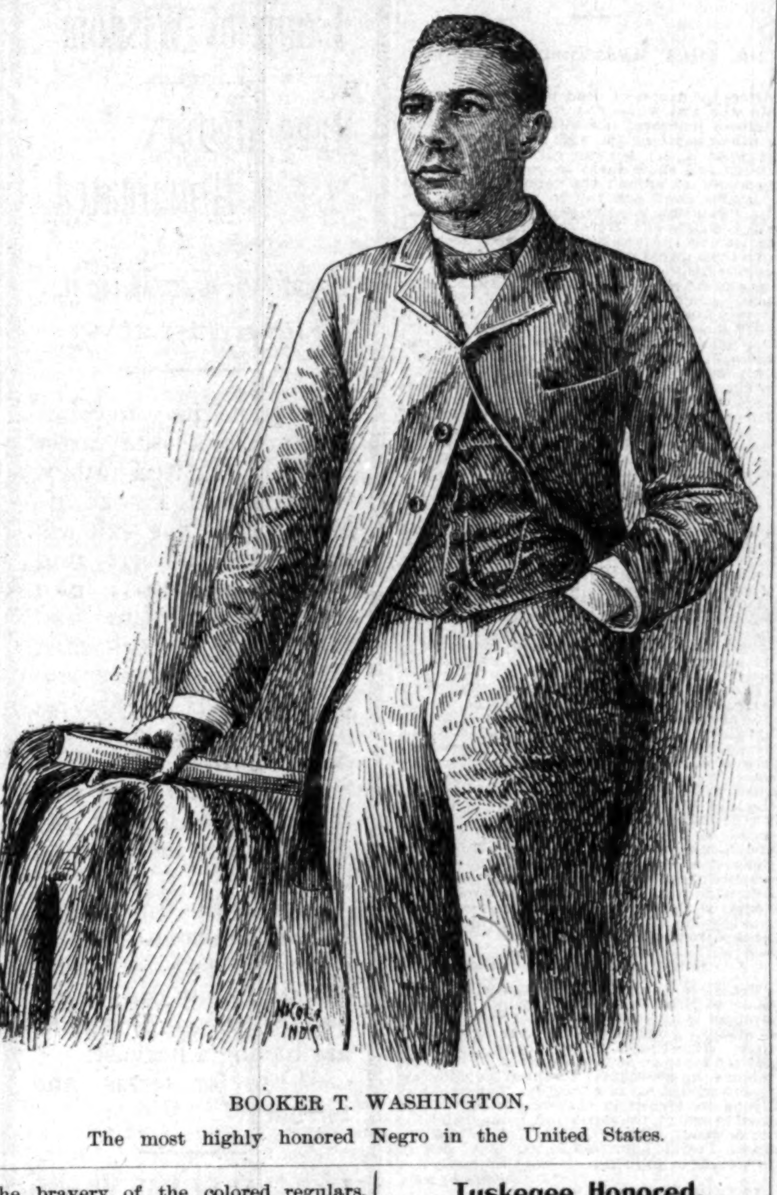
The Christmas edition of The Freeman is published in this city by Mr. George L. Knox, consists of twenty pages printed on fine book paper. The issue makes a special point of discussing colored people on the stage who have attained prominence before the footlights. The whole paper is profusely illustrated and on the first page are shown the pictures of Isham's octoroon beauties, with discriptive sketch. In the second part of the paper there is an interesting article on Ernest Hogan, who has gained prominence as a song writer and comedian in the Black Patti troubadours company. A number of the contributions in the paper devote themselves to the discussion of the Negro problem from the black man's standpoint. The editorial page contains an editorial entitled "Merry Christmas," which briefly reviews the situation of the race question as it stands at present, and that which has transpired during the year about to end in the Negro World.—Indianapolis Daily Sentinel.

The Freeman in Eufaula, Ala.

All persons in Eufaula, Ala., who would like to subscrcbe for The Freeman, please address W. H. Wallace, Eufaula, Ala., office at A. H. Gary's barbershop.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
The most highly honored Negro in the United States.

Tuskegee Honored.

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of the great benefactors of our people and our government. In the future, though long may the time be distant so far as relates to the head of this institution, in the distant future we shall be ready to erect in the capital of the nation, among the heroes of our country, among those who have contributed to its upbuilding and to its salvation, we shall be ready to erect a monument to the two great philanthropists and leaders of this people, General Armstrong and Booker T. Washington.

I am glad profundly glad, that the President of the United States has had the opportunity of visiting this institution, and I count it among the most significant events of this memorable trip. And I congratulate you, and I am profoundly glad too, that you have had the opportunity of having with you and of seeing and hearing the President of the United States, and in knowing by his spoken word and by the sincere look of earnestness which preyades his heart that you are gaining a better conception of what we know to be the truth, that he is filled with the deepest love and desire for the promotion and elevation of the people all over the country, without regard to race, color or condition.

For myself. I shall go back to Washington with a new conception of the problem which we have before us. and with a new conception of the power of the American people, to solve any problem which confronts them.

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8th. Fair dealings with advertisers.
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10th. Our political principles.

The Freeman's success is based upon the above ten propositions.

CHAPTER 1.

Happy New Year, Agents—May you all live long and prosper in the language of the great actor, Mr. Joseph Jefferson; "May you have greater determination to make money, save it and when the right time comes, use it for a good purpose. Tell the people who wish to go along with us on our literary journey during the year '99 that it will only cost them $1.00 to secure a ticket. The train stops over at Cash station and they must not be late. Thirty days is a long time. A reduced rate a good time, and promptness of accepting the annual reduced rate a good time to subscribe. The Freeman promises to go far beyond its past efforts to please its thousands of patrons. It has increased its force strengthened its resources and improved its facilities. A brighter galaxy of brainy writers will contribute to its column's. With the much intensified agitation and high pitched sentiment on all questions affecting the races, all may naturally expect a better Freeman for all of 99 than has hitherto been issued. It is the law of progress that urges us to more ably supply the great race needs, in making the numerous improvements mentioned. In doing this we do not fail to respect the wishes of The Freeman's many friends who readily acknowledge its usefulness and name it the race's greatest accomplishment in journalism.

CHAPTER II.

We make this $1.00 rate, agents because we want 5000 new names on our subscription books. It takes money to publish The Freeman and since we are improving we must have more funds to put into the great enterprise. Tell the people to keep their numbers so they can make comparisons.

Again the far famed Freeman offers to its friends the $1.00 rate. In doing so it does not in any way insinuate that those long wishing to subscribe (but have not for some reason) are not able to pay the regular rate, but it has become one of our principles to make to the race an annual offering. Now is the time to subscribe. Renewals are also in order. Do not procrastinate. The Freeman, $1.00 beginning Jan. 1st. and closing Jan. 31st.

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News Notes.

Dayton, O.. Special.

The funeral of Master Howard at the McKinley M. E. Church, Saturday was well attended. Rev. Turner preached a very pathetic sermon. The Amphions discoursed some very appropriate music. The Misses Jones members of the Amphions gave some very good selections at the Masonic social in their hall the 20th inst. Mr. M. C. Moore's opening in his new eight thousand dollar "club house" was well attended and all were royally entertained with music and the delicacies of the season. Mose knows how to draw the boys. Mrs. Annie Rumsey of 112 Sycamore street, is on the sick list. The Freeman can be found at 223 West Fifth-st., at R. Beard's confectionary where a fine assortment of fresh candy is on hand. Mr. and Mrs. Grant of W. Fifth-st., are visiting friends in Dark co. Mrs. Neal received a very severe scalp wound from a stray stone thrown by a reckless boy. Mr. C. A. Clark was a happy man all week from his local business and the good advice of the Freeman. Dr. Turner rendered very efficient work in a poison case Tuesday evening. Doc knows his business. Walter Taylor, member of the Ninth U. S. cavelry, is at home, time having being expired of three years. He has many interesting stories to tell his many friends of Santiago. William Sanpson of the Ninth U. S. cavelry is at home, also time being expired. Mrs. A. F. Johnson of 253 West Maple street, is somewhat improving. Mrs. Charles Moore of West Mead street, entertained a few of her friends Tuesday evening. Messrs. Rollins and Johnson send regards to the friends with Big Sensation. Mrs. Lottie Hammonds was in Springfield Sunday last. Elijah C. Davis send regards to friends in the Metropolitan Burlesque Company.

The Field Of Sport.

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once. In the fifth he had not fully regained his breath and hugged and roughed it so bare-facedly as to be cautioned by the refree. The uproar became so great that the spectators were told if it continued the "go" would be stopped. In the sixth round the men met in a clinch and McCormick was fighting so unfairly in the refree's opinion that he separated the men and disqualified McCormick. Joe Wasler, colored, of Hazleton, was scheduled to meet Stevenson, but it was announced he had sprained his leg. George McVey was put on, but his protruding stomach and stoutness showed he was not in good condition and a few exchanges demonstrated that he was not in Stevenson's class.

DIXON AND PLUTO FIGHT JAN. 17.

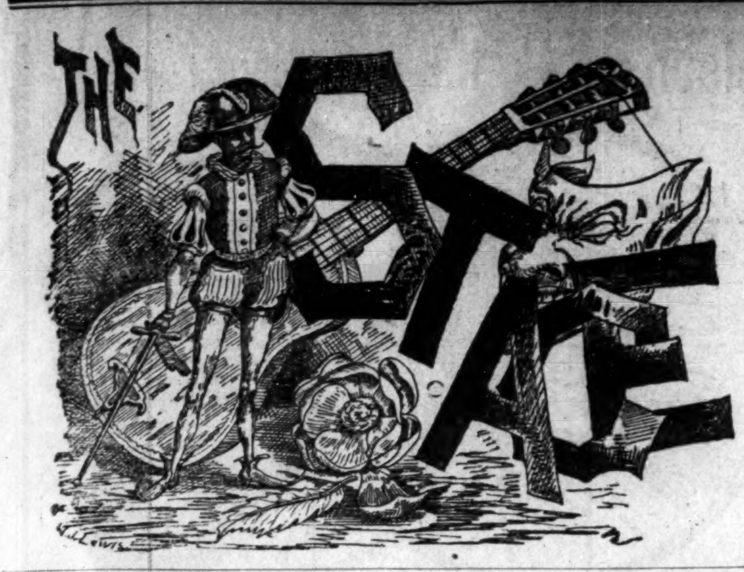
New York, Dec. 22.—Young Pluto, the Austrailian feather-weight champion, and George Dixon, the colored wonder, were matched late yesterday afternoon at the Lenox Athletic Club to try conclusion in a 25-round bout at the latter club on January 17 for 50 per cent. of the gross receipts. These boys were offered a big purse a few weeks ago to fight at the Olympic Athletic Club of San Francisco, the latter part of February, but Tom O'Rourke, thinking a fight between them would attract a bigger crowd in this city, declined the Olympic Club's offer, and wired Pluto to come to this city. Pluto and his manager arrived here yesterday. As the terms offered by the Lenox Athletic Club satisfied Pluto's manager, he speedily signed the articles of agreement.

FAMOUS HORSE TRAINER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 20.—Albert Cooper, the veteran trainer of thoroughbreds, who has been lying dangerously ill for sometime at the St. Catharine's Hospital in this city, suffering from catarrh of the stomach and dropsy, died here today. Cooper was one of the interesting figures on the American turf and well known from California to the Atlantic. He first came East with "Lucky" Baldwin's stable about the year 1884, having such high-class horses as Volante and Los Angeles in charge, and the reputation he earned gave him prominence in training affairs. He had James R. Keene's string a few years ago, but of late has had a few horses of his own and trained some belonging to Captain William Astor Chanler. At one time Cooper was fairly well off, having a snug fortune of about $75,000. But its the old story—he died penniless.

L. S. Ayres & Co.

To the readers of The Freeman no introduction is necessary in referring to the great dry goods emporium of L. S. Ayres & Co. This firm conducts the largest exclusive dry goods business in the state, and the four floors of the establishment are filled with the greatest varied and choicest productions of the loom. Goods to suit the poor and the most fastidious, and a courteous and grateful treatment accorded to all. If in their advertisements which are always in The Freeman, you read of anything you desire to purchase, remember that you can transact business by mail, if out of the city, and receive just and cordial treatment.



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ROOMS—Persons in or out of the profession can secure comfortable rooms by applying at The Freeman office.

Curtain calls greet Troubadour Sextette nightly.

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Miss Alice Mackey sends regards to Miss Marion Henry.

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I. N. Smith sends regards to J. Ed Green, Allie Brown and all friends.

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Mrs. F. W. Simpson is spending the holidays with her husband, of the Oliver Scott Minstrels.

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Miss Julia James, Judson Hicks; Jas. Bland and Muriel Ringgold are the premier cake walkers with the Black Patti Troubadours.

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Jos. Patton, late of the Al G. Field Negro Minstrels, is now musical director and leader of band and orchestra at Quincy, Ill.

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Will Cook, an old Indianapolis boy, joined the Black Patti Troubadours in St. Paul, Minn., last week.

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Misses Etta Minor, Leah Hill, Edmonia Butler and Mr. Jas. Rasin closed with the Black Patti Troubadours, during their Chicago engagement.

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The "A Trip to Coontown" company attended a performance of the Black Patti Troubadours, as a box party, during their engagement in Chicago.

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Miss Lizzie Walker, of Richmond, Ky., visited her sister, Mrs. Fred W. Simpson, during the engagement of the Oliver Scott Minstrels in Lexington, Ky.

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"Clorindy," or the "Origin of the Cake Walk," company are still meeting great success. They are at the Columbia Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., this week.

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Fred W. Simpson writes that it took two express wagons to deliver the Xmas presents received by the boys in the Oliver Scott Minstrels, at Lexington, Ky., Dec. 26.

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Miss Lottie Meredith has entirely recovered from her long and serious indisposition, and is again working with Williams & Walker's "Lucky Coon" company.

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Leslie Triplett, of the Black Patti Troubadours, played the difficult part of "Major Fulweather" with astonishing success during the illness of Kid Frazier in Chicago.

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The Only Jalvan is meeting with great success throughout Australia. He sends regards to Marsh Craig, Allie Brown, Wm. Gauze, Jas. White, W. O. Terry and all friends.

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Giles & Brown's Colored Comedy company are doing an excellent business through Nebraska. Members of the company all join in sending best regards to Dick Thomas, of the "Georgias."

Mrs. Laura Meredith and daughters Pearl and Carrie, and H. Gus Hall were royally dined by Mr. and Mrs. William Francis, during the engagement of the Black Patti Troubadours in St. Paul.

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Dudley & Harris have dissolved partnership. Mr. Dudley will next appear in the theatrical field with the Magnolia Trio. Mr. Dudley sends regards to friend. His address is 120 Milam street, Houston, Texas.

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Mrs. Louise Crowders, of Bowling Green, Ky., mother of Ernest Hogan, of the Black Patti Troubadours, spent three weeks with the company in Louisville and Chicago, also his brother, Bud, of Racine, Wis. She is now at the latter's home for a short stay.

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Frank M. Hailstock, musical director of the Oliver Scott Refined Minstrels, left the show on the evening of the 24th in Hamilton, O., and made a flying trip to Lancaster, O., and was married to Miss Georgia DeLoache, at the home of the bride's parents, on the 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Hailstock returned to the show on the 26th, and the boys heartily congratulated him, and wished him a happy journey through the voyage of life. Mrs. Hailstock will spend the holidays with her husband, and then return to Akron, O., which place will be their home in the future.

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During the engagement of "Darkest America" in Syracuse, N. Y., the members were royally entertained by Messrs. Robinson and Wyndus at their place of bnsiness, music, wine and song being the chief features. Their sample rooms are a place of comfort—being splendidly furnished and equipped throughout with electricity. It is called the "Oriental" in honor of the famous Oriental America company. All colored companies are cordially invited to visit their spacious parlors and sample room, at 329 E. Railroad street.

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The Imperial Colored Minstrels was the attraction at the Eufaula (Ala.) opera house, last week. They gave a good clean show. The singing was especially fine. The song "Hush-a-Bye-Baby" by T. H. Price, and "Take Your Clothes and Go," by Higgins & Roberts deserve special mention. Their band is most excellent. The company is strictly up-to-pate; writes W. H. Wallace, our agent at Eufaula, Ala.

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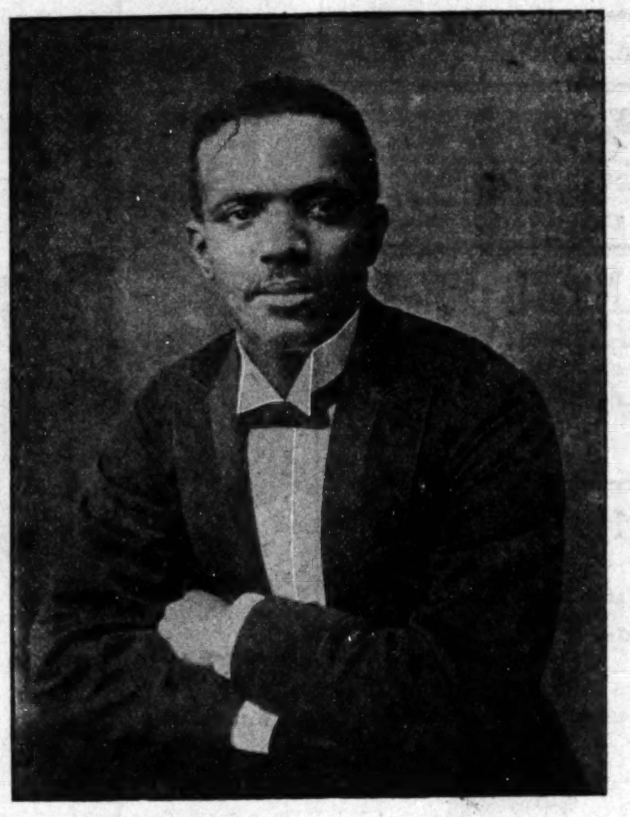
Mr. Fred W. Simpson, our special representative with the Oliver Scott Refined Negro Minstrels, writes: "Business continues good and the members of the company enjoyed themselves hughly in Cincinnati, O., Xmas day. We opened to the capacity of the house in Lexington, Ky., on the 26th, and the show was well received. John Easton, the well known double bass and tuba artist, joined us in Richmond, Ind. John is quite a valuable addition to our band and orchestra.



W. H. THOMPSON,

Of Pittsburg, Pa. Late member of McAdoo's Concert Co., died in Cape Town, S. A.

F.B.—THE DONALDSONS—MARY

Two of America's Leading Song-and-dance and Sketch Artists.

THE DONALDSONS.

F. B. and Mary Donaldson are two of America's greateet song and dance, and sketch artists. Mr. Donaldson was born in Boston, Mass. He is an old Coney Island actor, among the first Negroes to introduce the buck and wing dance at that popular Summer resort. He is prize and challenge artist in reels, jigs, clogs and buck and wing dancing. He has discovered most of the new turns and is originator of the famous Calidonian buck dance. He was married in Union City, Tenn. March 23, 1897. Mrs. Donaldson is an excellent singer and an apt pupil of her husband and bids fair to become one of the finest female dancers of the race.

The Tuxedo Quarttette and jubilee singers are meeting with big success through Illinois. During their engagement at Quincy, they were entertained at the Hotel Pace by some of the prominent singers. Miss Edith Brown played several piano selections.

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"Cuba" as produced at the Metropolitan and Grand in St. Paul, Minn., and the Bijou, in Minheapolis, by colored people of both cities, numbering over 300 people, is considered the most stupendous and successful affairs ever accomplished by any amateur organization in America.

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There is always a welcome here for the Georgia Minstrels—always a greeting—for Billy Kersands, the funny moke, who towers over the quartette of lively comedians now with the coterie. So the Crescent Theatre was crowded last night, and in the balconies not a seat could be had, as the colored population had turned out tor the first night of the minstrel festival. Shining eyes and thick, red lips hung over the rails, and it took little to set them twinkling, and the mouth spreading in hearty laughter. Every minstrel show has a sparkle people here appreciate the humor of the Negro, for minstrelsy began with the steamboat roustabonts, who will ever remain with the big Mississippi. But the show now running at the Crescent Theatre has a flame, since there is so much to amuse one. There is no pretense at guadiness in the first part. Fun is what is promised, not showy costumes and scenery; and after Interlocutor W. A. Seymour and the singers are finished with the opening chorus, the comedians begin· Harry Fidler, Bob Kemp and Will Walker are the end men with the bones, while Dan. Avery, Dick Thomas and Joe Ravisee handle the tamboes. They are a lively sextette, and do enough to keep one amused at all times. Avery is just commencing to rank high with the comedians, and he is graceful, eccentric and clever—whether it is a song or a dance, Avery knows how to make people laugh and he scored a hit. Like Avery, Fidler is a thorough comedian possessed of plenty of versatility and a good voice. His song, "If I ever lay my hand upon that coon," is extremely neat, and gained him much applause. Nor was Thomas in the rear, for he won success with his coon songs and dances. I. N. Smith used his tenor voice to good effect and Harvey Goodall was fair as an impersonator of the old plantation darkey. Bobbie Kemp was gingerly as the leader of the colored "400." The second edition brought Kersands and James Crosby to the ends; Kersands is the same big mouthed comedian, and is just as refreshing in his fun as ever; he has new gags and songs, and it is a known fact that few men can show more life with their feet than this comedian. Crosby is a great tall fellow, but he is graceful, notwithstanding his long legs, and dances excellently, while his singing is melodious, if not funny. For a finale, after J, A Watts sang a sentimental ballard with fair voice, the one man band was introduced by Bobby Kemp, who had three supporters. Kemp was funny as th eleader, and his fellows were good-abettors in getting laughs. For the second part, Arthur Maxwell displayed his trickery with the bicycle. He is a nervy rider and performes every feat with the utmost confidence and ease. Fidler is a good mimic and held the boards for a few minutes. The "Sugar-grinder's Holiday," was a song and dance arranged by Bobby Kemp and was well executed by six of the company. Crosby followed with some funny and clever work. Gauze who is well known is still singing in his falsetto voice, and won new friends. Dan Avery appeared and he kept the audience in a convulsive langhter throughout the fifteen minutes he was allowed. His helper, a mulatto woman, was good. The arrangement of Crosby's called "Going to the cake walk," was well constructed and the members of company with Crosby, scored a hit with the singing and dancing. Billy Kersands and his wife, as the "Deacon and the Widow," were very funny. The sketch is perhaps one of the best things done by Kersands in some time. The Arabian troupe of atheletes and tumblers are marvelous. They are seemingly with out equal and no word could convey exactly their worth. In themselves they are a show, and are a splendid addition to the minstrelsy.—New Orleans Picayune.

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Mr. H. Gus Hall, our special representative with the Black Patti Troubadours, sends the following: "Our boys and girls are talking about the swell times they had while in Indianapolis. While in Chicago Ernest Hogan was the "lion of the hour. Mrs. Laura Merideth and two daughters, Pearl and Carrie joined the show in Chicago, also Miss Affie Mitchell. Miss Mattie Phillips while doing her turn at the Alhambra, Chicago, severely sprained her ankle and. though she will travel with us, it will be many weeks before she can assume her role. She has the sympathy of a host of friends. The rendition of Misere, that difficult duett from El Trovatore, for powerful and accomplished soprano and tenor as well, is nightly sung by Madam Jones and Mr. George I. Holt, our leading tenor, with tremendous success, and are compelled to bow to the large audiences sometimes for a second and third time.

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Mr. W. A. Seymour, our special representative with the Richard's, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival, writes: "The famous Georgias are the favorites in the southland, no show in the history of minstrelsy has attracted and pleased the entire public as did the Georgians during their engagement in the city of New Orleans. The Georgia minstrels being the only colored company ever played in the new theatre, the Crescent, which is one of the finest theaters in the South, and it is only excelled by very few theaters of the North and East. All previous records of this beautiful theatre were broken during the engagement of this company which has gained the reputation of being the most powerful minstrel organization upon the American stage. The seating capacity of the large theatre was tested to its utmost, and standing room was at a premium long before the hour for the curtain to raise; and when the curtain arose the sound from the audience was deafening, and not until Interlocutor W. A. Seymour, walked to the footlights could anything be heard above the cheering, then every ear was strained to its utmost to hear what was to be said. Harry Fidler and Dan Avery were the first to be introduced, they were received with applauses and they set the ball to rolling which continued throughout the entire performance. Every member of the company were at their best and their work was more than enjoyed. It is useless for me to compliment the performance, the public press has saved me this work. Columns were printed in regards to the grand performance produced by the Georgians. There are always great things in store for us wherever we go. The members of the company were more than highly entertained by Mr. W. J. Nickerson and his grand orchestra, which is composed principally of ladies, and is one of the finest colored orchestras of its kind in the United States. It is known as the Student Orchestra, and is composed of the following members: Prof. W. J. Nickerson, director; Violins, Miss Emma Rose Williams, Miss Marie Guilbean, Miss Emma Perkins, Miss Valena C. McArthur, Miss Adele Wakefield, Miss Louisa Hardy, Mrs. E. C. Harris, Mr. Wendell P. McNeal, Mr. Morris Lewis, Mr. Henry Nickerson; Piano—Camille Lucy Nickerson; Violincello—Miss Julia Ellen Lewis; Viola—Miss Mamie Harang; Contra Bass—Mr. W. P. McNeal; Cornets—Messrs. Edward Bowman, T. V. Baquet, C. Perez; Clarionette—Mr. George Baquet; Drums—Mr. W. McHenry; Trombone—J. A. Porter. The orchestra rendered several beautiful selections. Mr. Morris Lewis and Mr. Henry Nickerson, each rendered a violin solo, which was very highly appreciated. The young men have musical ability which is only obtained by hard study and natural talent. Mr. Andrew DeLuc sang a solo which was enjoyed by all. Miss Stella A. E. Brazley and Miss Lena DeLuc, each sang a beautiful solo. The ladies have very sweet voices, and rendered their solos with great effect. They are bright stars in the realm of harmony. This completed the programme which was enjoyed by all; all then retired to the dining-room where luncheon was served, and after partaking of the repast and the many different wines all again returned to the beautiful parlor. Mr. Ganze was then asked to sing, this he did in great style; then after a few moments of general conversation all departed for their respective homes. Among the members present were: Prof. James Lacy our worthy musical director; Messrs. W. O. Terry, Stokes, Wooten, Dodd, Toomey, Burns, Ward, Raveisee, Simmins, Smith, Jordan, Maxwell, Seymour, Ganze, Leach. All were well entertained and nothing but praise and well wishes from the company were extended Mr. Nickerson and his grand orchestra.

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Clifford D. Brooks, our special representative with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Extravaganza company, write-: "A Christmas proclamation from John W. Vogel's combined shows: In the name and by the authority of Christmas hospitality, we, reposing special trust in your patriotism hereby extend to the world at large Christmas greeting. Messrs. John Rucker, Chas. B. Tyler, Gil Garay, U. S. G. Patterson Geo. Bailey, F. Patterson and C. D. Brooks made a flying visit to Buffalo, N. Y., to spend Xmas in that city. Gil Garay and U. S. G. Patterson took a run over to Niagara Falls to spend the day; after having spent a nice Christmas we all left for Batavia, N. Y., where we joined the show again. Frank Patrick and Prof. Henderson Smith were the recipients of many handsome presents for Xmas. Mr. Patrick received a handsome diamond pin from his mother, which is very valuable. Miss Ella Dawson presented Mr. Patrick with a fine Eb silver cornet, one of the Pepper, latest model. Miss Nettie Goff presented Prof. Henderson Smith with a fine watch charm and chain; the charm is an emblem of the K. of P's. Mr. Smith is held in high esteem by all members of the company, especially by the members of his now famous band, and our genial manager Mr. John W. Vogel. John Rucker, the famous big-mouthed comedian, has no equal in his line—so says the Syracuse Evening Herald. Mesrrs. Chenault and Jones paid a flying Christmas visit to the latter's home in Canada, where they enjoyed that well knoown Canadian hospitality, which is such a feature in that country during the holiday season. Mrs. Jones proved herself to be a most amaible and entertaining hostess, and Mr. Chenault is unlimited in his praises of the way he was treated. On the return trip, Mr. Chenault had the misfortune to loose a valuable umbrella which was presented to him on Christmas, but on his arrival in Batavia, N. Y. to rejoin the company he received a surprise which partly assuaged his grief, in the shape of a gold watch and chain, sent to him by his parents to replace one which he lost last season. Messrs. Chenault and Jones send holiday greetings to all their fellow Buffaloes and friends in general.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

June 26th, the time to New York over the Pennsylvania lines will be quickened. Train No. 20, the solid vestibule train which goes through to New York without change for either sleeping car or coach passengers, arrives Twenty-third street station, New York City, about one hour earlier than under the old schedule. The through time of this daily train is as follows under the new arrangement: Leaves Chicago 10:30 a. m., Indianapolis 2:30 p. m., Cincinnati 4:20 p. m., Dayton, 5:35 p. m., Columbus 7:50 p. m., arrives Pittsburg 1:40 a. m., central time: arrives Harrisburg 9:10 a. m., Baltimore 11:55 a. m., Washington, 1:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:52 a. m., Twenty-third street station, New York, 2:35 p. m., eastern time.

The time of Train No. 6 has also been quickened. Under the new schedule that train leaves Indianapolis 5:50 a. m., Cincinnati 8:15 a. m., Columbus 11:45 a. m., arrives Pittsburg 5:40 p. m., central time; arrives Harrisburg 2:00 a. m., arrives Baltimore 6:25 a. m., arrives Washington 7:40 a. m., arrives Philadelphia 4:50 a. m., arrives Twenty-third street station, New YorkCity, 7:45 a. m., eastern time. No. 6 has sleeping cars through to New York without change.

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CHURCH IN TENNESSEE—CONCENTRATION OF PURPOSE THE PLAN

To Land Dr. Tyree—The Far-Fetched Ideas of the A. M. E. Church on Race Leadership—A Strong Article.

The Freeman is not a church organ by any means, yet it is wonderful how many churchmen read it. Scores of men at the last session of the Tennessee conference approached me (pro and con) concerning my letters to The Freeman under the above caption. A certain bishop whom I had never met before accosted me last June at Wilberforce as soon as I was introduced to him concerning some statement made with reference to bishops in The Freeman.

The Freeman is either taken by every man of any prominence or it is carted around among the "400." They all read it.

Unless the other big race journals manipulate a scoop on The Freeman right soon it will be the most popular newspaper published in this country, at least for the next fourteen months.

Four years ago Tennessee furnished four candidates for honors at the forthcoming general conference, viz.: Dr. J. N. Abbey, for the Southern Recorder; Dr. C. S. Smith, for re-election to the Sunday School Union; Rev. G. L. Jackson, for the same position, and Dr. E. Tyree, for bishop. Dr. Tyree was then the candidate of not only the conference, but of the Ninth Episcopal District. All the rest ran as "independents." I was then, as now, a warm personal friend of each one of them. I used my personal endeavor to call Dr. Abbey and Rev. Jackson off the track, using the argument that Tennessee would get nothing if she persisted in asking for the "earth." Either blinded by a vain delusion or to gratify a selfish ambition they stayed in the ring. Sure enough, when the bell tapped and the heads of the racers passed under the string Tennessee was "not in it."

Strictly speaking, Dr. Smith is not, nor never has been, a Tennesseean or a Tennessee candidate. He removed the Sunday School Union business to Nashville when it was in its swaddling clothes many years ago. He brought the whole thing here in his grip. It will require a train of cars now to move the concern. Dr. Smith is one of the biggest men in the church. Indeed, he is the ideal business man of the connection. He found his field of operation in the prime of his life and no living man of the century has done more to give African Methodism a standing among other ecclesiastical bodies than has this hero. Dr. Smith will never be a bishop in the A. M. E. Church. The general conference would make no mistake by transferring him to the management of the Book Concern at Philadelphia in 1900, for it seems to be a foregone conclusion that Dr. T. W. Henderson will be called to the bishops' bench. Dr. Henderson has also proven himself to be a business man of rare ability, but four bishops are to be elected, and there is no better bishop material in the connection than this fiery and eloquent gospel preacher. He is the only candidate from the West that can get the support of that section.

Dr. Henderson, of New York, will in due time announce himself for a certain general office. His sledge hammer attacks upon certain dignitaries in church circles has made him some enemies, but Dr. Henderson does not seem to cater for friendship. He expects to make the race from the standpoint of worth and merit. And he is right, whether he wins or not. He is in error, however, when he says that Dr. Tyree is Bishop Gaines's candidate. Dr. Tyree is the candidate of the Ninth Episcopal District. We do not object to the support of Bishop Gaines—indeed, we will gladly accept of the influence of such a powerful giant as the good bishop, but Dr. Tyree will go up to the general conference backed by the entire delegation from the States of Kentucky and Tennessee. If Bishop Gaines aids in the election of Tyree he will have the lasting gratitude of Tennessee.

There has been created a silly prejudice to Dr. C. T. Shaffer for all these years on account of his color. I say "silly," because all sort of prejudice is simply the imaginations of a fool. It is just as foolish to object to a man's elevation because he is nearly white as it is to oppose him because he is not white enough. But we are getting together, thank God, and the connection is coming to its senses. Dr. Shaffer is no more responsible for the color of his white skin than Dr. Tyree is for his coal black outer coating. Both of them will be elected bishops. What a magnificent sight it will be when the fall conferences meet in 1900 to see two new bishops—a "lamp black" and a "lilly white"—visiting each other's conferences! Nothing will go so far to demonstrate to the world that the African Methodist Church knows no man by his color. Nothing will prove more conclusively the genuineness of our motto, "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

If the delegates to the next general conference could have witnessed the ovation given Dr. Tyree a few days ago at his own annual conference, heard the eloquent tribute paid our hero by that matchless orator, Dr. J. A. Davis, listened to the eulogy paid him by Rev. J. W. Frazier, fraternal delegate from the Kentucky conference, all pledging their support to Tyree, there would no longer be any doubt that Bishop Gaines will be the sole champion of the Tyreean cause. The mention of Tyree's name during the entire session was a signal for applause. So far as the Ninth District is concerned, Dr. E. Tyree will be taken care of.

With such men as Dr. J. A. Davis, the electric battery of the conference, Prof. B. A. J. Nixon, the scholar and hustler, leading the van, "our Tyree" will go in with Drs. T. W. Henderson, M. M. Moore and C. T. Shaffer or I am greatly mistaken.

The Ninth District has never given the connection a general officer or a bishop. We have faith in the integrity of the church that she will hear our plea now, as we have the man.

Be it distinctly understood that this district will recognize no other candidate from our midst for any position. We are now a unit for Dr. Tyree. Any other candidate is self-appointed. I think I have voiced the sentiments of the men of Kentucky and Tennessee. If not let some one reply.

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IN RUSTIC WAYS.

The blackbirds whistle all day long
A rhythmic gladness in their song,
And night and morning down the lane
Drifts by the cowbells' rude refrain.

The flicker dips on golden wings,
And far across the meadow swings.
The swallow skims in lines of grace
Like to the curves that painters trace.

Above, below and everywhere
A sense of living thrills the air.
Spring's message through the silent sent,
With earth and wood and sky is blent.

The hedgerow blossoms stain the sod,
The south winds make the grasses nod,
And woolly lambs in awkward play
Down the green hillside ambling stray.

Along the blue horizon rim
The lights and shadows sink or swim,
And penciled faintly on the skies
A ghostly half moon's crescent lies.

The blackbirds chant the whole day long
A rhythmic madness in their song,
And dusk and dawn along the lane
Echoes the cowbells' rude refrain.

—Ernest McGaffey in Woman's Home Companion.

ONE GLASS OF WINE.

A Belief That It Changed the History of This Country.

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the Democratic party in 1860. The story is worth telling. After the breaking up of the national Democratic convention at Charleston the party in Georgia held a state convention. Great excitement prevailed. The leaders of the party could not agree. It was a critical period.

The majority report indorsed the seceders or bolters at Charleston, while the minority report opposed their action. The leading champion of the minority was Herschel V. Johnson, and his followers were confident that his eloquence and logic would carry the day.

It is quite likely that such would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap. Ex-Governor Johnson began his speech before the noon adjournment on the second day and concluded after dinner.

Old men who remember that speech say that it was a powerful argument, and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would demolish his opponents with a few sledge hammer blows.

But the overconfident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the strain of the morning session so much that he was unable to eat anything, and he took a glass of wine upon an empty stomach to strengthen himself. This was a fatal mistake. That one glass of wine perhaps changed the destiny of the nation!

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine had nauseated him. He was hazy, verbose and unintelligible at times. His style and argument lacked vigor, consistency and positiveness. His friends looked at one another in despair. The men on the other side were exultant. It was evident that the speaker had damaged his own cause.

Then Howell Cobb and Henry R. Jackson followed each other for the majority report. They spoke with an air of expectant triumph and captured the convention.

The majority report was adopted. It is unnecessary to follow the history of the next few weeks. The national Democracy was completely disrupted and put two tickets in the field. Lincoln was elected and the country was plunged into a civil war. Had Johnson succeeded in inducing the Georgia convention to adopt his conservative ideas, it is safe to say that other southern states would have fallen into line with our commonwealth, and the national Democratic party would have remained united.

This is the story of what a little glass of wine did. It ruined a great party, caused a disastrous war, and besides the loss of life cost the south over $4,000,000,000. Perhaps this is rather speculative, but there are many who believed it a generation ago.—Atlanta Constitution.

Didn't Irritate Him.

Here is a glimpse of the seamy side of life in Cornwall from The Cornish Magazine:

"I'm afraid, Jenny, you irritate your husband with your long tongue."

"Aw, no, my dear Miss Vivian, I'd never say nawthen to en. To'ther day I was 'ome waitin for'n to come 'ome to supper. Eight o'clock come, an no Jan; 9 o'clock come, an no Jan; 10 o'clock come, an no Jan. I put up me bonnet an shoal an went to every kiddly wink in town, thout Dyke Winsor's. When I come there, there wor Jan. Says I, 'You ugly murderen veilan, theest killed thee fust wife an now theest want to kill me, too,' an he up an knacked me down."

An Easy Way Out.

At a school inspection some of the boys found a difficulty in the correct placing of the letters "i" and "e" in such words as "believe," "receive," etc.

When the inspector said blandly, "My boys, I will give you an infallible rule, one I invariably use myself," the pupils were all attention, and even the master pricked up his ears.

The inspector continued: "It is simply this: Write the 'i' and 'e' exactly alike and put the dot in the middle over them."—Liverpool Mercury.

Both Sides.

Papa—You saw that big boy whipping the little one, and you didn't interfere. Suppose you had been that little boy?

Bobbie—I did think of that and was going to part 'em, but then I happened to think s'pose I was the big boy? So I left 'em alone.—London Fun.

HONOR ABOVE GOLD.

An Incident Which Illustrates the French Character.

Speaking of French politics, I heard a most extraordinary story of another strange secret of contemporary life. Some years ago one might see in a restaurant at night, playing dominos quietly or conversing in tranquil tones, a gentleman named Levy. He was a man who knew more of the secret history of the courts of Europe than any man of his time. To get a full account of his personality and history you must spend an evening with Joe Lyons, the owner of the Trocadero and a score of other restaurants, one of the most brilliant raconteurs as well as one of the best fellows in all London. Mr. Levy was a private detective, employed whenever a task of extreme délicacy and enormous importance was on hand. He was retained by the Bank of England, among other institutions, and I have heard that his services were esteemed so valuable that he got the magnificent salary of £10,000 a year from that institution.

Well, just after the downfall of the commune Mr. Levy was intrusted with one of the most delicate and, I might say, terrible missions in his life. There were several communist refugees in London. Levy tracked them out. A man of the world, without enthusiasms, acquainted with all the seamy side of life and of man, he yet had a broad, sympathetic imagination, and he was astounded by the picture he found in the miserable den—if I remember rightly it was a stable—in which he discovered the objects of his search. These men, who but a few weeks before had the government and the revenues of the great city of Paris at their command, were engaged in making a wretched bowl of soup, which was to be the one meal—and the one meal of them all—for 24 hours. Not one penny had stuck to their palms of all the millions that were at their mercy! "These men may be madmen," he said to a friend to whom he told the story, "but, according to their lights, they are patriots!"

His wonder grew as they refused scornfully to surrender some papers which had fallen into their possession, in spite of dazzling offers of gold, which, as agent of the French government, he was authorized to offer them. They knew the horror and the terrible and appalling importance of the domestic secret in the life of a great man of which they held proofs, but they decided to keep the proofs until they thought it right or wrong to publish the story to the world. And, though they refused the gold, they never told the secret, and France and Europe were saved one of the most cruel and devastating scandals of our times.—New York Herald.

SHE TIED UP HIS TONGUE.

An Experiment Which Led to the Breaking of an Engagement.

I don't know why the simple fact of being in love should deprive people of the vestige of common sense with which nature, never overgenerous with that rarest of blessings, has endowed them, but all my observation tends to confirm me in the opinion that it does. For example, a man I know is engaged to a Georgetown girl—that is, he was engaged to her up to a quarter to 10 o'clock Thursday night, week before last. He went out to call on her, and—but first I must tell you that she belongs to a Georgia family, and he is from Boston, and both of them are exceedingly proud of their birthplace and ancestry. After a few preliminaries, said she to him:

"Oh, let's hear how fast you can say, 'She sells seashells.' "

So, of course, he said, "Se shells seasells" and "She shells sheshells" and "She sells shesells," and goodness only knows what, till his tongue was so tangled up that his mouth was full of knots. And she began to laugh, and he told her to say it herself. Then they both went at it, and midway of their sibilant mouthings somebody's temper began to get frayed at the edges. She said that Boston people speak abominably anyway, and he retorted tu quoque about the Georgia dialect. From discussion of speech they came to a discussion of manners, and things were said which it were painful to repeat. The engagement was broken, as I said, at 9:45 o'clock. It has staid broken ever since. The rupture bids fair to be permanent. And all this misery because—well, because two ordinarily intelligent persons happened to be made temporarily feeble minded by mutual affection.—Washington Post.

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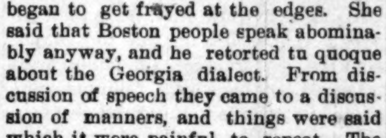

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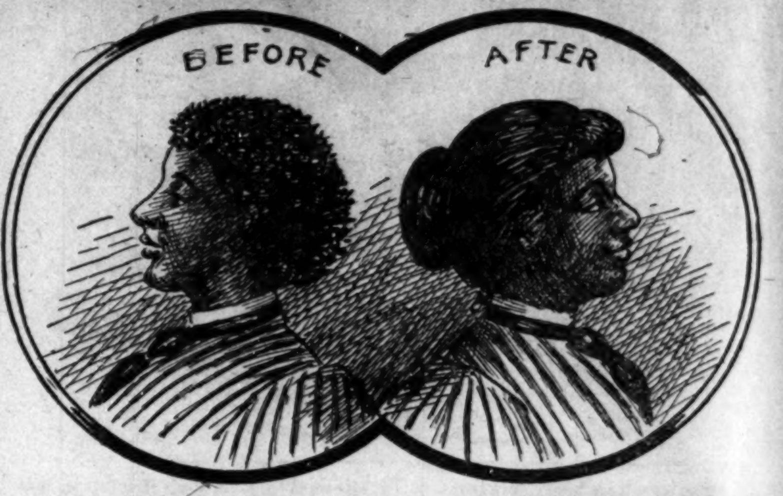

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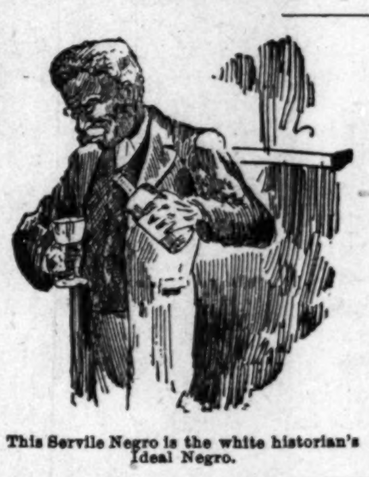

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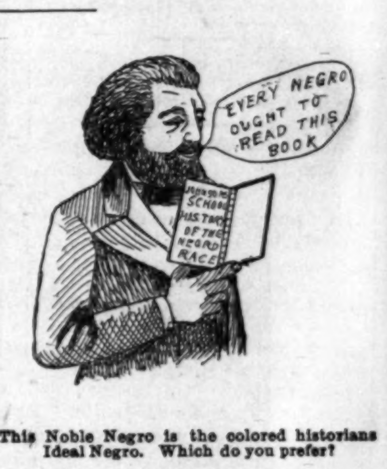
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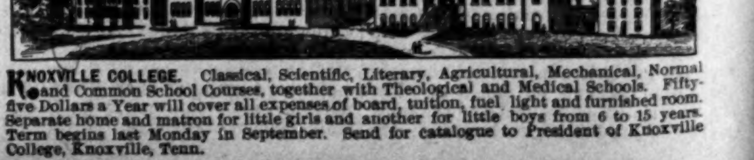

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Mr. editor and reeders of the freeman during the comeing year is i said in my last letter befor Crissmust: i inten to write in the Form of a sermond all future Letters: Taking a tex from the Bible for every One of these Future Letters, and is my Friend dr Majors call his letter: major's melange: and b: Square he write his B: squar bluster: and is you all call me uncle Noah Baxter: so i will hereafter write: Uncle Noah Baxters: Sermond: so in the future: Pleas to Hed my letters: is uncle Noah Baxters Sermond and i hope that some Good May Come out of the same: in These Sermons i Hope some seed will be drapt what will bring forth Good Frute for the bennefit of the culled Race: i hopes that the Proggress of the Race will be pushed along by these sermonds: or leters: now Mr. editor ef it is Not to Late: i would like to say a word about the late Riets in N: C: & S: C: and spessionally About the Riet in Will Mington n: c: When they kilt a Lot of our Race up there in Willminton north carlinny when they drive out 2 negro Lawyers and one editor: when they broke up the Homes of 7 or 8 Colored Famless: when the White men of tha own Disgraced they Race and the hold united state Nation: i have never befor said enny thing About the pollytix of the south: or the injustice did to our Black people By the white Peple of the south: for the Reson i do not beleve in poring oil on a Fire, for you cant Put a Fire out By Putting oil on it: still there are a time when you should speak agin rong even ef you dies for doing it: Now: mr. editor and my Deer Readers you must all admit the Truth of what i sed in My first leter over a year ago: that times for the Poor Black Man is today getting wusser and Wusser: that the Proggress of the Race is Not being Push along is it should Be: these are facts in spite of what your hand shaken young writers say in the Race nusepapers: it are no use to pint out a few successfull men and wimmen of the Race: who are doing well: it are no use to say that we owns so menny dollars worth of land here and there in spots in the South: it are no use to say that we has a few doctors and lawyers and educated Preachers: it are no use to say that we have school teachers and Colleges: the one fact are thar the black peepil of this land do not get a fare Show in the race of Life: they is hilt back part by their own self and part by the white Race in the south: now it is our duty: a duty we owes to Future Ginerations Yet un Born to look into the Matter and try to see where the grate fault are: befor the sivel War: not the spain war: the Blacks and whites of the south live in Pece together: befor the war you did Not here of no linching: you did not hear of no Red shirts: you did not hear of no young Black Men comiting Out rage on white galls: you did not here of none of these things why is it you hear of them now: is the Black race getting wusser or the white Race getting better: that are the question: the Fact of the matter are that Freedom it have changed the condition of things and the white folks has changed to: old marster and missus is dead and they children and they Grandchildren is a new Race who do not know the love they fathers and they mothers had for our People: this new Race of southern whites: they have ketched the money making sparit of the north: and also the wish to rule the land and they say we will rule or die: They are Brave to death: we are not: again mr. editor and Readers the whites has changed so has we but for the wusser we do Not today use the love and derplumecy we done fore the War: we thinks the U: S: is at our Backs: we is like a little Boy when a big Boy hits him: he hollers and hollers for Help: and when help come: he git sassey and heave rocks at the big boy tell the big boy: he git mad and dont care no Hoe and kick the life out of the little Boy then the little Boy He holler to the big man to help him: and the Big Man: he say: i can Not Help you now cause you done it yourself after i help you out of your fust trouble: so it is with us: we has not used the cents we used Before the Sivel War: we has made ennemes of the White folks of the south when should of Made Frens of them: this is foolish is we must live with hem we cant all move up north or go to Africy is biship Turner say: times is got so hard that the thinking Black man say God have forsooken us we was his peepil but we is sin: and he have turned His Back on us: as the tex say: God hath not cast away his People: we is Gods People: let us take surrage: let us try i nall ways to trust Him: let us remember tha it is Beter to by a farm than hold offise. it is better git 100 dollors for tobaccy: or corn: or cotton than git 1,000 $ form a Big Office: let us say: i care Not who holds the offise so i can make the corn and tobaccy and cotton: let us not go into Pollytix when we know we will loose our home let the whites hold the offise and we hold the land and the cotton and he corn and the Race questions will be ansired: let us trust in God: we are His Peepil and he will in his own way lead us to victory: God is not ded yet: let us Trust Him: now down here in Marblt Falls after the Sivel war: they wanted me to run for offise: to run to Magis street or Jestiss of the Pece but i say to myself it are all Honnor and no cotton old Jack Nash: a white man: he wants it: sa he can have it: i will take the cotton and let him take the offise: and i done it: but let me say that God will not suffer our Race to be kilt of by poor whites: he will fite our Battles and give us the victree: let me also say if it comes to it and a white man come to your house to kill you and your famley and you Has done nothing to be kilt like a dog: die like a man: Do Not be A cowhard: die for your home and little Ones: in conclusun let me Say: that the Wilmington N. C. riets was a Out Rage and a Fowl Blot on the state and the U: S: is the young race of whites forgot how we stood by they wimmen folks in the sivel war: how we tected both old and young missus from the yankeys who our white folks sed hed Horns and would eat us up: there was no linchings in them days is we got so much wusser now: let he white folks reflect: let he black folks reflect: let the Black folks member God is not dead; and he is jess God; let us do all we can to push forward a Better Day for the Race. Yours for the Proggress of the Race NOAH BAXTER.

Marble Falls, December the 24: 1898

"IT'S NOT MY WAY."

"It's not my way."
How often is this heard.
"It's not my way, to speak the kindly word;
I feel enough, but 'tis not well to speak,
To tell my loving out it seems so weak."

"It's not my way.'
How often hearts have broken
Because the loving word has been unspoken,
Because the smile we looked for was a frown,
The hand that should uplift, but held us down.

"It's not my way
To speak the word that craving love requires,
To voice approval, foster vain desires."
Hearts often faint and fall out by the way.
Because to speak is not your way.

"It's not my way."
Ah, well, when death shall come
And touch the best loved lips and make them dumb
Sad will it be for you if grim regret
And stern remorse upon your heartstrings set

Their fingers firm,
Because it is their way to torture and to wring.
Then you'll remember every little thing,
The smile you did not give, the word unspoken
Which might have gilded life and kept a heart unbroken.

Aye, then you will remember!
And in blood sweat and agony will say,
"Would it had been my way
To love, approve and tell it out, so meet,
For it was you that made my life complete."

—Rose Seelye-Miller in Observer

DEALING WITH LUMBERMEN.

Peculiar Tricks Indulged in by Both Buyer and Seller.

There is an old retired merchant in Detroit who delights in recalling his experiences when an active man running a general store in one of the northern cities of the lower peninsula.

"I used to reap a harvest when the men were coming out of the woods," he relates. "They were not up in styles, and about any old thing would suit them provided the color was right and the fit even passable. But there were tricksters among them, and I had to have my wits about me in order to keep even with them.

" 'How much is that hat?' asked a strapping six footer, who arrived from camp one day with a pocketful of money.

" 'Two fifty,' I replied.

"Then he informed me that he always had the crowns of his hats punched full of holes in order to keep his head cool and his hair from coming out. I soon had this attended to, and then he asked what the hat was worth. 'Two fifty,' I responded in surprise, but he laughed at me for asking such a price for damaged goods. He had me, and got his hat for $1, while the jolly crowd with him had a laugh at my expense. He wanted to look at some 'fiddles,' and after pricing one at $10 concluded to take it.

" 'Where's the bow?' he asked, as I was doing up the package.

" 'You only bought the fiddle,' I laughed. The others saw the point and laughed too. The giant tried to bluff me, but I kept good humored, and got even on the hat by charging him $1.50 for the bow. I not only got even, but the others were so pleased with my 'Yankee trick' that they spent plenty of money with me." Detroit Free Press.

Mice of All Colors.

The National Mouse Club of England recently held an exhibition where several hundred mice competed for gold medals, champion cups and various other prizes. These little creatures are not the ordinary everyday mice which scare the cook and drive the mistress of the house to take refuge on a chair. They are well bred mice that expected to be petted and caressed and treated as tenderly as a pet cat or dog.

By careful breeding they have developed great variety in coloring and sometimes in shape. One very choice style of animal, called the spiny mouse, has a row of bristling hair for a spinal ornament and is a very cute miniature reproduction of a porcupine. The familiar white mice so often seen for sale on the streets here have been bred with black eyes instead of red ones. It has taken several years to produce these results, but the society now claims to be able to furnish mice in 12 or 13 different shades. To any one who is able to overcome the fear of mice they are dainty, delicate little studies at any time, but when they play around in suits of chocolate, sable, fawn, jet black, tortoise or golden agouti they become perfectly fascinating.

As in the case of all fads of this kind, the prices brought by these little pets are extremely steep. Fifteen dollars or $20 is not a large price to pay for a well bred mouse, and some of them have been sold for as high as $25.

A Judicial Ruling.

During the hearing of a case at the Bloomsbury county court counsel referred to the defendant, an Oxford master of arts, as "this man," whereupon defendant's counsel protested, saying he might at least have used the word "gentleman." Judge Bacon — Nonsense. That is the sort of affectation you often hear among women when they say "you ought to call me a lady." In my opinion man is a much better title than gentleman.—London Telegraph.

You Can't Hear It.

There are many sounds animals can hear which are inaudible to man. Mr. Galton, the famous anthropologist, has invented a little whistle with an adjustable plug, by which it can be rendered more and more shrill till it ceases to give any note to our ears, yet a dog will hear it as a whistle still and answer readily its call.

Camp Notes.

Quartermaster Sergeant Thomas Rickman and Private Benjamin Meyers of Co., B. Indiana Volunteer Infantry, are absent without leave. It will be awful on them when they return to duty.

Sergeants Mack Larter and William Anderson are on leave for seven days visiting relatives and friends.

Corporel Willis O. Tyler left for home Saturday to be absent a week. He will stop at Indianapolis a few days calling on his old friends.

The weather still continues cold here, and all the boys are fixing up there tents by putting up stoves and boarding them up on the inside.

It is rumored that we will be sent with the Tenth cavelry to Cuba the first of the year.

Captain Porter expects to spend the holidays at home.

The Buffaloes (B. O. C. P.,) in camp, are preparing to initiate several applicants into the mysteries of the order during the holidays.

Several of the boys are looking for turkey from home for their Christmas dinner.

The health of the two Indiana companies is excellent only a few minor complaints from colds, etc.

The boys were paid off last week, and for the first time the violation of rules by the men were very small in comparison to past pay days.

A Thought but True.

What shall the Negro do to live? Shall he stand by the southern whites and live or shall he do all he can to keep the north in power and die as the north tells us they can not protect us. The answer I will give in my next communication to The Freeman, with the editors permission.

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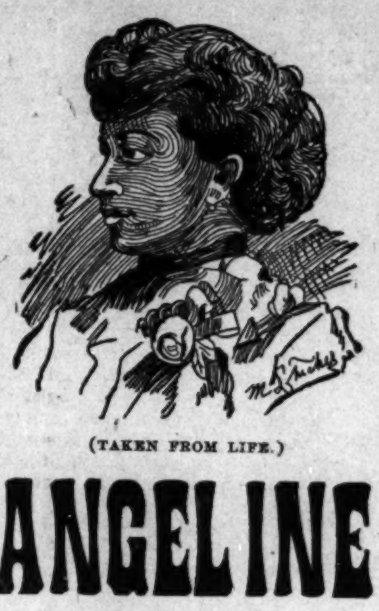

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TOWN TALK.

Miss Mary E. Johnson of 419 W. 14th street will spend the holidays in Lafayette, the guest of Miss Nelllie Eckles.

Mr. R. E. Fraizer, of East End, Pittsbnrg, Pa., will take up residence in Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. Faustin S. Delany, principal of the Louisville colored schools, registered at the English last Saturday evening. He called in to see us enroute to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will spend the holidays.

Misss Ethel Johnson and Louisa Wells accompanied Miss Ester Mason to her home in Chicago, where and with whom they spent the holidays.

Lawyer W. E. Henderson, recently from Wilmington, N. C., spoke in Century M. E. church (white) in Chicago, last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Rev. White, of Nashville, Tenn., is sojourning for the week with her mother, residing at Rev. Sissel's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dishman entertained friends Monday at dinner.

Mrs. Ella Palmer has been quite ill.

Mrs. Elwood Knox, will leave Monday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs Lawson, and brother Mr. Augustus Lawson in Shelbyville, Ky.

Prof. R. A. Roberts, of Shelbyville, Ind., spent several days in the city this week, and attended the State Teachers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Anna Pettiford, Columbus, Ind., Mrs. Ophelia Pettiford, Danville, Ky., Miss Nellie Pettiford and Miss Dessie Singleton, Franklin Ind., and Dr. John K. Peter, of Lima, O., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Shelton, in Douglass street.

The Progressive Club gave a dance at Odd Fellows hall Wednesday evening, a pleasant time reported.

Notice.

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The Misses Whittets, two popular teachers in the Rockville, schools, were guests of friends in the city this week.

Mrs. White of Shelbyville, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sweenie, in Fayette street last week.

Miss Ida Liverpool of Cincinnati, O., is spending the holidays with Mrs. A. H. Henderson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, entertained to-day from two to six in honor of her guest Miss Hicks.

The Woman's Club will entertain callers at Mrs. W. Norman Curry's between the hours of two to six after which the evening will be spent in dancing and cards.

Mr. Beverly Porter and family of W. Eleventh street accompanied by Dr. Beulah Porter are spending the holidays in Plainfield, Ind.

Miss Mary Hicks of Louisville, is the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, in N. Senate avenue.

Miss Jennie Porter, of Cincinnati, O., spent the holidays pleasantly with Miss Hulda Adams and Mrs. Al Henderson, in N. California street.

Mrs. Sadie Chivis, who has been spending some time in Lafayette, was the guest of her parents and husband last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Lee, entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson, entertained Thursday afternoon from two to six in honor of her guests Miss Porter and Miss Liverpool of Cincinnati.

Miss Henrietta Carpenter, of Chicago, is visiting her mother at 1218 N. West street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, entertained at their home in Michigan street Christmas afternoon. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Granby, Mrs. Tolls and James Poindexter.

Mr. Will G. Bennet, a young attorney of Danville, Ind., paid The Freeman office a pleasant call during the holidays.

We are sorry to learn of the sudden illness of Mrs. Barbara Lonas, wife of Mr. Wm. Lonas, who left last Saturday to visit her parents of Louisville, her friends hope her a speedy recovery.

Mr. James Barnes, of Augusta, Ark., is visiting his sister's family, Mrs. John Taylor, on N. Rural street, East.

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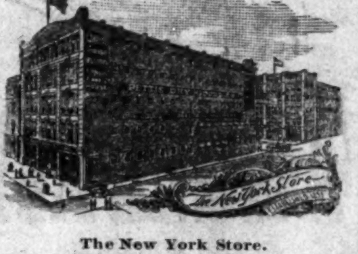

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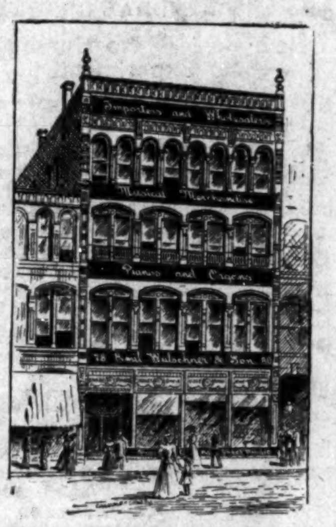

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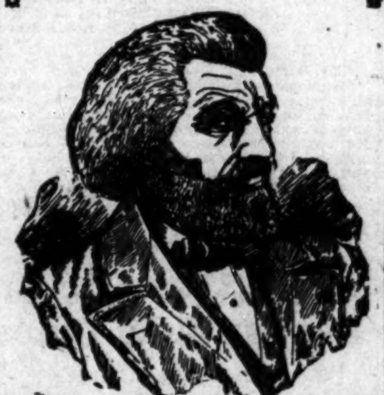

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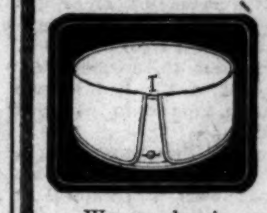

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